



Government Investigation & Compliance Solutions

Helping Mitigate Litigation Exposure and Protect Assets, Reputations, and Brands

CohnReznick Advisory

Forward Thinking Compliance Solutions

Today's enforcement environment presents major challenges for unprepared, ill-equipped companies. Federal and state investigations are conducted using more invasive methods, such as corporate whistleblowers and far-reaching subpoenas. The higher frequency of multi-regulator investigations is creating increased complexity, and the presence of foreign regulators is also on the rise. These more robust investigative methods are occurring in a political climate where business wrongdoing is increasingly regarded as a criminal issue. Behavior that was previously not prosecuted or handled through civil enforcement is now investigated by criminal authorities.

Not only are the risks of a government investigation increasing, but enforcement investigations are becoming more and more costly. Settlements have become more severe with lasting consequences. A settlement may now include an admission of wrongdoing that creates reputational and brand risk, business restrictions that limit future growth and operating agility, and long-term post-settlement integrity monitoring and reporting that can increase operating costs significantly. The risk of post-settlement class action law suits must also be taken into account. And these are just a few of the indirect costs. Direct costs in the form of fines and penalties can reach or exceed the billion dollar threshold.



Look Ahead: Preventing and Mitigating Litigation Exposure

The challenging realities of this enforcement environment place even more importance on preventing wrongdoing. Investing in prevention programs not only enhances long-term competitiveness and decreases the likelihood of improper or fraudulent activities, but also enables companies to demonstrate their best compliance efforts and assert that a violation is an anomaly that should not trigger significant punitive action.

To help clients prevent violations, CohnReznick's investigations and compliance team evaluates compliance programs, assesses the risks of improper activities, and develops robust control frameworks and integrity monitoring activities designed to enhance compliance and minimize risk and damages.

Investigation Compliance and Risk Management

If a government investigation is forthcoming, CohnReznick has the experience to work with management and counsel to limit exposure, protect assets, and enhance compliance efforts. Our investigators, forensic accountants, security professionals, and litigation support experts fortify internal investigative efforts, enhance transparency, and enact measures to strengthen compliance with government investigative procedures.

We provide investigative project management support and utilize advanced computer forensic and electronic technologies to quickly access and review large amounts of electronic data. Working from a modern and highly secure laboratory environment, CohnReznick's digital forensics professionals have significant experience in high technology crime investigation, network incident response, network forensics, and multi-platform digital forensics.

The CohnReznick Advantage

CohnReznick's team includes former Inspector Generals, fraud examiners, and government auditors for agencies such as the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Their insight into government investigative programs and techniques and experience identifying fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement, helps our clients fine-tune risk mitigation efforts and develop control environments that help prevent violations.

This focused investigative and compliance expertise, combined with our industry insight and technical excellence in computer forensics, project management, cybersecurity, and integrity monitoring, allows CohnReznick to help clients mitigate litigation exposure and have peace-of-mind in today's enforcement environment.

Comprehensive Compliance and Investigation Resources

Forensic Accounting

Our forensic accounting professionals assist internal and government investigations with evidence discovery and in reconstructing accounting and business records to uncover critical facts. We reveal discrepancies undetected by others by employing a comprehensive evidence gathering, discovery, and investigative process.

Computer Forensics and eDiscovery

The collection, preservation and analysis of "digital evidence" is central to investigations and compliance efforts. Using a targeted collection process designed for speed and efficiency, we locate and evaluate evidence in deleted files, photos, e-mails, and text messages. We streamline eDiscovery by focusing only the most relevant information to reduce total cost and review time. We provide clients with a secure, searchable, and accessible review platform for evidence analysis.

Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity

CohnReznick helps companies identify and assess gaps in their IT infrastructure and security processes. We assist in implementing comprehensive cybersecurity risk management programs that comply with government regulations, provide threat detection capabilities, protect assets by deploying solutions tailored for the threat environment, and prepare detailed breach response plans.

Audit, Accounting, and Financial Management

CohnReznick has a depth of expertise helping government and public sector organizations maintain transparency, comply with government regulations, manage risk, and deliver accountability. The team's insight into government programs and investigative techniques enhances our internal investigation efforts and aids CohnReznick in identifying fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement.

Compliance and Integrity Monitoring

CohnReznick helps federal and state agencies, offices of Inspectors General, and other public sector organizations address complex laws, regulations, and financial reporting requirements by implementing compliance and monitoring plans. The reputation we've earned for being ethical, independent, diligent, and efficient, establishes a solid foundation for investigation-driven compliance efforts.

Program and Project Management

Our team has extensive experience coordinating and directing large-scale programs for complicated government contracts. We can lead projects from start to finish or augment existing resources in any phase of project management. We utilize a best practices project management approach that allows for innovative and flexible solutions.

Representative Services

- Data extraction, analysis, reconstruction
 - Expert reports and witness testimony
 - Tracing and recovery of misappropriated funds
 - Uncovering/quantifying damages
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- Legal hold, data preservation and collection
 - ESI processing
 - Data searching, mapping and analytics
 - Document management and review
 - Compliance management
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- Information security strategy
 - Cyber risk management and governance
 - Cyber risk assessment
 - Vulnerability assessment and penetration testing
 - Compromise assessment
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- Financial audits
 - Improper payments audits
 - Litigation support
 - Operational audits
 - Performance audits
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- FAR compliance
 - Ethics compliance
 - Integrity monitoring
 - Anti-fraud, waste, and abuse support
 - Risk management and reporting
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- Project Management Office (PMO) design and implementation
 - Compliance and monitoring tracking and reporting system design and assessment
 - Workflow management and reporting

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Our Global Project Footprint



Whether in times of rapid growth or of crisis, organizations face issues that threaten their strategic objectives. CohnReznick Advisory offers a national team of professionals who work side-by-side with your team to identify and implement solutions to help you optimize profitability and growth, improve workflow and performance, manage risk and compliance, or respond to a natural or man-made disaster. We provide specialized services in forensic accounting, litigation support, and government investigations.

- Proactive business insight and client service provided by professionals immersed in delivering industry-focused solutions
- Functional and technical expertise driven by integrated engagement teams with active partner leadership
- A diverse, agile, connected team of consultants that collaborates with industry luminaries and our clients to maximize value creation and drive change management

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- RESTRUCTURING AND LITIGATION
- TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL SERVICES
- TRANSACTION AND M&A CONSULTING
- VALUATION ADVISORY

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