WHISTLEBLOWING AND INVESTIGATIONS IN FINANCIAL SERVICES – WHAT ARE THE KEY ISSUES?

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Panel Key Themes

- What is whistleblowing?
- Should whistleblowers be rewarded?
- How do financial regulators view whistleblowing?
- What constitutes victimisation/retaliation?
- How should institutions manage whistleblowing investigations?
- How can lawyers best be involved?
- Are whistleblowing practices changing globally?

Trending Up: US Whistleblower Incentives

Civil Policies and Legislation

SEC Office of the Whistleblower (2011)

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False Claims Act (1863)

DOJ or private "relators" can sue on behalf of US gov't for rewards of 15-25% of recovery

DOJ Policies

Antitrust Corporate Leniency Program (1993/2022)

Amnesty from prosecution for first corporate or individual to self-report criminal antitrust conspiracy

US- Swiss Bank Program (2013)

NPAs for Swiss banks that "self-report" US customers with undisclosed accounts

FCPA Corporate Enforcement Policy (2016)

Declination of charges for corporates who self-disclose bribery

SDNY & NDCA Whistleblower Pilot Programs (2.2024)

NPA in exchange for Voluntary Self- Disclosure for whistleblower with criminal exposure

DOJ Whistleblower Program is Announced (3.2024)

\$\$\$ in exchange for Voluntary Self- Disclosure only for whistleblower without criminal exposure 90-day drafting period ends June 5, 2024

NPA Pilot Program for Individuals (4.2024)

NPA in exchange for Voluntary Self Disclosure for whistleblower with criminal exposure