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Non-Profits in the Crosshairs: Essential Strategies for Nonprofit Leaders Navigating a New Era of Scrutiny



Attendees joined us for a special Compliance Collective webinar, tailored to equip nonprofit leaders with relevant knowledge and actionable strategies to track and address the challenges that may arise in a new political landscape. In a highly politicized landscape, sweeping executive actions jeopardizing funding and potentially chilling the activities and advocacy of public interest organizations continue to roll out from the new Presidential Administration and we anticipate continued legislative scrutiny through bills like the Stop Terror Act.

This comprehensive session provided a high level overview of critical topics raised by recent executive and legislative actions, each presented by leading advisors in their respective fields. Topics covered included:

- Prohibitions on “material support” for terrorism and the importance documenting diligence and oversight of grants/projects/spending/foreign partnerships.
- First Amendment protections and likely litigation over some of the most aggressive proposals (e.g., the Stop Terror Act).
- Navigating attempts to limit federal funding
- Pitfalls in safeguarding nonprofit tax status
- DEI considerations, including contracting, grants, and the use of diversity vernacular in public statements.
- Broader employment implications, including the freezing of funds and Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act liability.
- Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) considerations and issues.
- Protecting banking relationships.
- Re-evaluating insurance coverage for inquiries and subpoenas.

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Resources:

- [New Administration Executive Actions](#)
- [Regulatory Roundup: Navigating a New Era](#)
- Full and up-to-date list of US sanctions, FTOs and SDGTs can be found here: [Sanctions List Search](#)
- [Federal Court Issues Preliminary Injunction on Trump Anti-DEI Orders](#)
- [Lawsuit Challenges Trump DEI Executive Orders](#)
- [Proposed DOJ FARA Rules Would Increase Uncertainty for Global Companies Amid Heightened Enforcement](#)

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