

DON'T PANIC: Complying with the Corporate Transparency Act is Easier Than You Think

DATE: April 12, 2024

SCHEDULE: Log-ln: 11:45 a.m. | Program: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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Deep within the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act was the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA), which requires a large swath of small companies, partnerships, and even foundations to report who owns and controls them to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). The Act came into effect on January 1, 2024 with a deadline for existing companies of December 31, 2024, and FinCEN has launched a fairly user-friendly free online filing system. Accountants and lawyers – and their malpractice insurers – have been issuing dire warnings about the difficulty of the law ensuring clients know about the requirements and are prepared to file. At the same time, a number of companies have begun offering often expensive filing services, and others have challenged the law's constitutionality.

This program is designed to assist you in understanding:

- The purpose of the filings and who has access to them and why the law was passed
- The federal enforcement agencies involved and their terminology
- The primary exemptions to the CTA and how to cut through some of the regulatory language
- · What filing entails and some shortcuts to make it easier
- Consideration of some of the privacy issues surrounding filing for others

Presenter:

Kathleen "Kate" Hamann is a former federal prosecutor and law enforcement treaty negotiator with extensive experience working with federal enforcement authorities, including FinCEN. During her time with the federal government, she helped develop some of the primary mechanisms for international law enforcement cooperation, including tracking beneficial ownership, the target of the CTA. In private practice (Partner, Pierce Atwood), she advises clients, governments, and international organizations on compliance with economic crime laws, transnational legal issues, and ethics and integrity programs for SMEs, in addition to defending clients in criminal, civil, and administrative enforcement actions.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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- · Registrants will receive the link to the webinar prior to the program. If materials are available, they will be emailed.
- When you join this Zoom seminar, you will be placed in a waiting room until the program begins.
- Credits will be reported by the MSBA according to live attendance for this program.

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