

Economic Crime Prevention SWITZERLAND

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Why is economic crime prevention important to you and your daily role?

With all the governments getting more activists when it comes to sanctions and boycotts, and all the issues around trade regulations; being compliant with those new regulations has become critical. This includes the compliance with white collar crime types of regulations, such as: anti-corruption, money laundering, et cetera. It's an increasing area of enforcement and therefore for us, also an increasing area of importance to folks.

What significant legal and compliance developments are on the horizon?

We expect, especially in the whole area of sanctions, that there's an ongoing increase of legal and compliance developments, which is becoming increasingly complex to manage because you've got sanctions and counter sanctions from other countries. With the bipolarisation or the multipolar world, I think it's going to be increasingly like that, which is very much an area that is of increased importance.

What international cross border regulatory compliance issues should everyone be aware of?

Anti-corruption, money laundering and other economic crimes, versus sanctions and boycotts and trade regulations in general. Know your customer, know your distributor. We have had a lot of regulations coming up recently on supply chain, including the Supply Chain Act. It's not only know your customer, but you also have to know your supplier and distributor. The consensus around supply chain is constant and ever evolving which of course is very important for any industry and the in-house counsels to be aware of.

What are you looking forward to at the Economic Crime Prevention Switzerland 2024?

It's always a good conference. Especially to network, it's a good conference to listen to insight and hear presentations from people that have great experience of enforcement in the area of Economic Crime Prevention. We, ourselves, went through a monitorship appointed by the US government that we finally got out of, and these lessons learned from those at the conference are always helpful for other companies.

And can you give us one sentence to describe why this event is important to you?

This is something where governments are very, very active and continue to be very active, often with conflicts of interest and no company can nor should ignore that.

What can the audience expect to gain from yourself and Fresenius? What will you bring to the conference?

Well, healthcare is rife with conflicts of interests. I think healthcare companies are usually in one of the best positions to really talk about how to prevent conflict of interest or to put it more narrowly, how to prevent corruption. So that's what the audience can expect from Fresenius and myself. I'll contribute to some practical lessons learned in this space that hopefully will be of benefit for any participants from any industry.