# FinTech Webinar Series: Financial Crimes—What to Watch Out For

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# ■ Roadmap

- I. Recap of Developments in Financial Crimes
- II. What's On the Horizon
- III. The Value in Being Proactive: Strategies for Compliance
- IV. Anti-Money Laundering/Financial Crimes Internal Investigations
- V. Four Key Areas of Focus



## I. Recap of Developments in Financial Crimes

- Big bank cases
- Escalating penalties
  - Don't just focus on the dollar amounts
- "Alphabet soup" of regulators/law enforcement
  - Sometimes coordinated on actions regarding the same/similar conduct
  - Sometimes disjointed
- Deferred Prosecution Agreements



## I. Recap of Developments in Financial Crimes

#### Trends in Recent Enforcement Actions

- Compensation clawbacks/tying to compliance
- Geographic risk
- Governance over new or risky products/services
- Treatment of/interaction with foreign affiliates



## II. What's On the Horizon

- Continuing Congressional interest will drive regulators to keep the pressure on institutions
- "Waterfall effect:" financial institutions requiring certifications and other compliance measures from their customers, counterparties and vendors
- Government making use of all its tools in new and creative ways
  - Civil Asset Forfeiture
  - PATRIOT Act Section 311



## II. What's On the Horizon

- New York Department of Financial Services
- Foreign Authorities
- Effects of "de-risking"
  - Customers and counterparties will be looking to take their business elsewhere
- Shareholder actions for failures
  - De facto private right of action?
- Iran sanctions: new challenges



### III. The Value in Being Proactive: Strategies for Compliance

- Tone at the top
- Risk assessments
  - Update after changes to business, M&A
- Independent test/internal audit
  - Findings can provide an opportunity to identify and address problems before the government does
- The government provides strong incentives:
  - Credit for solid compliance controls (e.g., USSG, OFAC Enforcement Guidelines)
  - Policies and procedures on the shelf are not sufficient



## III. The Value in Being Proactive: Strategies for Compliance

- Financial crime investigations can morph quickly, and there is risk in how you handle this
  - Do you have the internal and external resources and expertise needed to address?
  - Do you have controls in place to maintain sensitivity of investigation/information?
- Approach compliance with the goal of identifying what went wrong
  - Transparency and credibility with the government
  - Commitment to fix what went wrong
- Equal opportunity bad guys



## IV. AML/Financial Crimes Internal Investigations

## **Practical Tips**

- Initial response is often very important in the long term
- Halting potentially bad conduct global "scrub"
- Preserving documents paying attention to foreign data protection rules
- Reporting obligations



## IV. AML/Financial Crimes Internal Investigations

## Practical Tips (cont'd)

- What did we miss?
- Information sharing LOBs and enterprise wide
- Document, document, document!
- Remediation must be global



## IV. AML/Financial Crimes Internal Investigations

## **Hot Topics**:

- Self-reporting
- Dealing with business units vs Legal
- Particular challenges of employees under investigation
- Navigating parallel criminal and civil matters re: same/similar conduct
- Corporate criminal liability



- 1. Roles and Potential Exposure for Officers/Directors
  - Recent Federal Reserve consent orders have focused on the role of the board and senior management
    - Expecting more involvement and familiarity with AML/OFAC issues
  - Traditional Business Judgment Rule may not suffice
    - Won't protect against regulators, law enforcement
  - The Board and management need to be trained in financial crimes issues
  - Compliance needs to have an open pipeline to officers/directors



### 2. Information Flow

- Across business lines and up the chain
- Incoming subpoenas
- Leveraging compliance efforts in one area of financial crime to monitor for another
  - e.g., customer/counterparty/vendor due diligence



### 3. Resources and Training

- Low-hanging fruit for the regulators
  - If you don't show meaningful consideration of these issues, they will substitute their judgment
  - Comprehensive policies and procedures on paper vs. a skeleton crew implementing them
- Training should be meaningful and ongoing
  - Customized to job functions
  - Not just in-person or web; circulate updates on hot topics
  - Catalogue what you are doing and who attended



- 4. <u>Outsourcing/Third Party Relationships/Vendor Management</u>
  - Recent OCC Guidance
  - Risk Assessment
    - Special concerns for offshore service providers
  - OFAC Screening
  - Negotiating the Contract
    - Does the service provider have a program? Get copies
    - Certifications?
  - Ongoing Monitoring



## Questions?

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