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## **Adjusting Anti-Corruption Compliance Controls For COVID-19**



"The current global pandemic poses a threat to professional and personal lives, and it will challenge compliance culture. It may divert focus, impede oversight, promote profit over good business practices and result in red flags ignored.

This is the optimal climate for corruption. And now is when companies find out if their compliance programs will withstand the challenges this crisis poses. Later is when regulators may decide their programs did not."

-Law 360, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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"The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic is having an adverse worldwide impact on the ability of parties to perform their commercial contracts, including supplying goods and services. In recent weeks, much has been written on the interpretation of force majeure provisions. However, force majeure is just one piece in the mosaic of issues that should be considered in light of the COVID-19 pandemic."

- DLA Piper, April 7th, 2020

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## Norwegian Cruise Line managers urged salespeople to spread falsehoods about coronavirus



"Norwegian Cruise Line managers urged their sales teams to share false information about the novel coronavirus to help land bookings with potential customers, including that the virus can't affect people in "tropical temperatures," leaked emails from a company whistleblower show"

-The Washington Post, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Latest update Shareholder Actions, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020: A federal securities class action has been brought in Florida on behalf of individuals who acquired securities in Norwegian Cruise Lines from February 20, 2020, to March 12, 2020. The claim alleges that Norwegian and certain individual executives made materially false and misleading statements about the threat of COVID-19 during the class period in their efforts to entice customers to purchase cruises. A Related article click here.

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