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Rosenstein announced in 2017, however, that the Yates Memo was “under review,” leading some to believe that any updated manual would rescind or revise the Yates Memo’s previous guidance on individual accountability. While the provisions related to the Yates Memo were not changed in the September update, Rosenstein recently announced that the department will be modifying this corporateenforcement policy. Now, as Rosenstein explained in his announcement, the department will no longer require companies seeking cooperation credit to identify every individual involved in the criminal conduct due to “concerns raised about the inefficiency of requiring companies to identify every employee involved regardless of relative culpability.” Instead, the department will only require cooperating companies to reveal those individuals who were “substantially involved in or responsible for the criminal conduct.” While this could be considered a major revision to existing policy, Rosenstein also stated that the department will remain committed to the principles of individual accountability, which indicates that the department does not plan to completely repeal the Yates Memo. On January 10, 2018, the director of the Civil Fraud Section, Michael Granston, issued a memorandum in response to record increases in whistleblower actions the “Granston Memo”. On June 5, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a memorandum prohibiting settlement payments to third parties. The memorandum advised department attorneys not to enter into any settlement agreement “that directs or provides for a payment to any nongovernmental person or entity that is not a party to the dispute,” with the exception of three specific situations. The memorandum was

added to the manual in April 2018 so it is not a completely new directive. However, its inclusion in the Justice Manual at section 117.000 emphasizes the department's commitment to this approach under the new administration.<http://aire-limpio.com/img/editor/04-durango-manual.xml>

Other provisions regarding settlement practices were also added to the manual in April 2018. While the provisions do not represent a dramatic shift in policy, their inclusion in the Justice Manual from section 118.100 through 118.400 highlight the department's stance on nonnegotiation of press releases and transparency in settlements. Companies—and their defense counsel—should be aware of two key settlement principles going forward 1 the department will generally continue to decline to enter settlement agreements or consent decrees that are subject to confidentiality provisions, and 2 the department will continue to unilaterally decide if and when a settlement press release will be issued—with no prior review by other parties to litigation allowed. Sessions also issued a May 10, 2017, memorandum that established the department's charging and sentencing policy. This is dramatically different than the January 2017 version of section 927.300, which did not require government attorneys to begin their analysis with the most serious, readily provable offense. Under the January 2017 version, prosecutors were instructed to “select charges based on an individualized assessment of the extent to which particular charges fit the specific facts and circumstances of the case, are consistent with the purposes of the federal criminal code, and maximize the impact of federal resources on crime.” On May 9, 2018, Rosenstein issued a memorandum regarding the department's policy on coordination of corporate resolution penalties the “Rosenstein Memo”. The manual first incorporated the principles of the Rosenstein Memo in May 2018. Interestingly, amidst all of the aforementioned additions, the January 25, 2018, memorandum from Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand the “Brand Memo” was not incorporated into the Justice Manual.

The Brand Memo limited reliance on agency guidance by outlining new policies for cases in which an executive agency previously issued relevant nonbinding guidance. Given Rosenstein's explanation that the revisions of the Justice Manual were to bring the manual up to date with current law and department practice, it is unclear whether the Brand Memo still reflects DOJ policy. The revised Justice Manual is indicative of the goal to simplify and consolidate DOJ policy. Worth monitoring is whether the policies espoused in the Brand Memo and the Yates Memo will continue to guide the department's practice or if they will fade into obsolescence. This information or any portion thereof may not be copied or disseminated in any form or by any means or downloaded or stored in an electronic database or retrieval system without the express written consent of the American Bar Association. The views expressed in this article are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the positions or policies of the American Bar Association, the Section of Litigation, this committee, or the employers of the authors. Continue browsing or dismiss this message to accept. In the updated Manual, the DOJ incorporated significant internal policy memoranda not previously included in the United States Attorneys' Manual, eliminated redundancies, clarified some policies, and updated policies to reflect current law and practice. The private citizen is generally a whistleblower purporting to have knowledge of past or present fraud against the government. After a qui tam complaint is filed, the government must decide whether or not to intervene in the suit. If the government chooses not to intervene, the qui tam complainant may pursue the claim without the assistance of the DOJ. However, this new policy could provide a potential method for reducing the costs of defending against a meritless qui tam action.

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Defendants could use this policy to encourage the government to seek dismissal of a complaint after a nonintervention decision has been issued. Corporations could potentially face lower fines and penalties overall and particularly from the DOJ as a result of this policy. Specifically, settlement agreements cannot include terms limiting the DOJ's ability to issue press releases. See Memorandum from the Associate Attorney General of the United States on Limiting Use of Agency

Guidance Documents In Affirmative Civil Enforcement Cases Jan. 25, 2018. The DOJ recently investigated and charged individuals associated with a Malaysian criminal conspiracy. See Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Justice, Malaysian Financier Low Taek Jho, Also Known As "Jho Low," and Former Banker Ng Chong Hwa, Also Known As "Roger Ng," Indicted for Conspiring to Launder Billions of Dollars in Illegal Proceeds and to Pay Hundreds of Millions of Dollars in Bribes Nov. 1, 2018. Under that guidance, prosecutors were directed to offer cooperation credit only to corporations who provide all relevant facts about all individuals involved in the misconduct. See Memorandum from the Deputy Attorney General of the United States on Individual Accountability for Corporate Wrongdoing Sep. 9, 2015. Comparing data from the final 20 months of the Obama Administration with data from the first 20 months of the Trump Administration shows that there has been a 72% drop in corporate penalties imposed by the DOJ. The Libor scandal involved an investigation into banks falsely inflating or deflating their interest rates in order to manipulate profits or creditworthiness. POST May 12, 2017,. Any views expressed herein are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the law firms clients. Our office locations can be viewed here. Prior to that time, there is no assurance that information you send us will be maintained as confidential. Thank you for your consideration.

Please update or switch to another browser like Chrome, Firefox, or Edge for a better experience. Learn how to update your browser. Post, July 14, 2013 Editorial, Sabotaging the FEC, L.A. Times, July 24, 2013 Editorial, A full commission should address FEC rules changes, Wash. Post, Aug. 2, 2013. We finally have some insight into DOJ's views on this issue. Effective December 2018, DOJ added Title 120.000 to its Justice Manual the Manual " Limitation on Use of Guidance Documents in Litigation. " We have summarized the relevant language of this Title below. For example, DOJ may cite an agency guidance document or manual in the background section of a brief to explain how an agency processes payments. Like many in the FCA defense bar, we will be watching this issue closely. We will also be watching to see if the Manual has any discernible impact on how DOJ conducts its ongoing investigations, selects the FCA filings in which it elects to intervene or decline, or selects the FCA filings it moves to affirmatively dismiss. She also assists clients with internal investigations, and she has experience preparing selfdisclosures and other enforcement reports. See our Plugins, Viewers, and Other Tools page for more information. This document is used by the NRC enforcement staff. The Manual is a joint effort that draws on the knowledge and experience of the enforcement staff from across the Agency, and is a living document that is regularly updated for accuracy. Detailed summaries of recent manual updates are included in individual Change Notices listed in the Change Notice Index. Intended for internal use by the NRC, the Manual contains procedures, requirements, and background information used by the staff that develop or review enforcement actions. As such, failure to follow the guidance in this Manual does not invalidate an enforcement action.

You can access the documents specific to your grant or cooperative agreement like the official congratulatory letter through Agency Portal. For assistance with Agency Portal, see the Agency Portal User Guide. For assistance, contact us at 18004216770. Though the manual is an internal document that does not carry the force of law, it provides guidance to DOJ employees for investigative, charging and sentencing decisions. This apparent effort to consolidate DOJ policies into a comprehensive location marks the first major rewrite of the US Attorney's Manual in more than 20 years. The Justice Manual is a document that contains the major DOJ policies and procedures pertaining to the investigation, litigation and prosecution of violations of federal law. For decades, it has been a resource for Assistant United States Attorneys, DOJ trial attorneys and other DOJ employees to help them carry out their jobs. It is an internal document that does not have the force and effect of law. Nonetheless, it is an important document, as it guides investigative, charging and sentencing decisions of DOJ employees across the country. Last week's rollout of the new Justice

Manual reflects the first major rewrite of the United States Attorneys' Manual in more than 20 years, seemingly in an effort to consolidate DOJ policies into one location. In an October 6, 2017 speech at New York University, he explained that DOJ's policies are "spread among various sources" including the US Attorneys' Manual, DOJ memoranda, and speeches and articles interpreting policies. Memos generally should be brief cover memos and commentary, not freestanding policy statements." For the most part, the Manual does not contain many surprises. It makes stylistic, but not substantive, changes to some longstanding provisions and ensures that some other DOJ practices are captured in one place.

Nonetheless, the Manual does contain several noteworthy provisions, many of which were added in 2018 as DOJ was in the process of updating the Manual. In January 2018, DOJ's Civil Division issued the Granston Memorandum, authored by Michael Granston, director of the Civil Division's Fraud Section. These provisions are not new. They were first added in April 2018 and, even then, merely incorporated longstanding DOJ practices. Nonetheless, they are important provisions for anyone who settles litigation with DOJ. Under these provisions, DOJ will generally not enter into final settlement agreements or consent decrees that are subject to confidentiality provisions. It also will not concur in the sealing of such documents. In addition, as the Manual now makes clear, DOJ will not allow other parties to review press releases before it issues them. What all of this means is simple even if a party settles a case without admitting liability, DOJ may publicize the matter, and there may be very little the party can do about it. The policy reminds attorneys of their ethical obligation not to use criminal enforcement authority unfairly to extract, or to attempt to extract, additional civil or administrative monetary payments, and encourages them to consider the interests of justice in coordinating with other enforcement components or entities. Of particular note, the revised principles reflect a greater emphasis on the interests of victims, directing prosecutors to consider impacts on victims when making charging, plea and sentencing decisions. The Manual also reflects Attorney General Jeff Sessions's directive that prosecutors "charge and pursue the most serious, readily provable offenses" based on sentencing guidelines, including mandatory minimum sentences.

For example, although Rosenstein has discussed potential updates to the guidance set forth in the "Yates Memorandum" in speeches discussing the US Attorney Manual revamp, the Justice Manual does not materially change the guidance set forth in the Yates Memorandum or Principles of Federal Prosecution of Business Organizations Title 9, Chapter 28. The Yates Memorandum was incorporated in to the US Attorneys' Manual in November 2015. Authored by then Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, the Yates Memorandum signaled a shift toward increased enforcement actions against individuals, and the newly published Justice Manual maintains that emphasis. The Principles of Federal Prosecution of Business Organizations chapter was updated briefly in November 2017, to amend the guidance on the value of cooperation, including the disclosure of relevant facts, and again in May 2018, to reflect new civil or regulatory alternatives to criminal prosecution. The remainder of the chapter has been unchanged since November 2015. In January 2018, then Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand issued a memorandum that bars DOJ from using its civil enforcement authority to transform agency guidance documents into binding rules. What remains to be seen is whether the Brand Memorandum will continue to influence civil enforcement decisionmaking and, if so, why it was excluded from a document intended to be a comprehensive manual for all DOJ attorneys. The Second Edition largely retains the core structure and content of the original FCPA Resource Guide, while including updates to reflect several important developments in governmental guidance, relevant case law, and enforcement activity since the original publication. In so doing, the Second Edition reestablishes the FCPA Resource Guide as an invaluable "onestop shop" for companies and practitioners to understand the perspectives of both enforcers regarding a variety of FCPA related topics.

These include the definition of "foreign official," the scope of the SEC's disgorgement power, the

scope of the term “agent” for assessing corporate liability, the statute of limitations applicable to violations of the accounting provisions, and the requirements for criminal violations of the books and records and internal controls provisions. Recognizing that the FCPA does not specify a particular set of controls, and that such mechanisms are not synonymous with a company’s FCPA compliance program, the Second Edition notes that “an effective compliance program contains a number of components that may overlap with a critical component of an issuer’s internal accounting controls.” The guidance adds that a company’s internal controls must take into account the “operational realities and risks attendant to the company’s business” such as the types of products and services offered, supply chain, work force, degree of regulation, extent of government interaction, and operations in high-risk jurisdictions. Although this is a welcome recognition that internal accounting controls and compliance regimes are not entirely coextensive, this language also seeks to ground some of the SEC’s enforcement actions by suggesting that operational risk is part of the internal accounting controls of a company when those words are absent from the statute. It therefore is unlikely that the SEC will alter its sometimes aggressive interpretation of the FCPA’s internal controls provision in bringing enforcement actions where companies have fallen short, in the SEC’s judgment, in building, for example, effective controls around third parties. The update recognizes that while preacquisition due diligence is encouraged, robust due diligence prior to a merger or acquisition may not always be feasible.

In such circumstances, the Second Edition instructs that the timeliness and thoroughness of compliance integration efforts, appropriate due diligence, and voluntary disclosure of uncovered wrongdoing postacquisition will be primary considerations for DOJ and SEC in considering whether to take action against a successor for violations identified at a predecessor company. Further, under the FCPA Corporate Enforcement Policy, incorporated into the Second Edition, an acquiring company that voluntarily discloses postacquisition conduct by the acquired company and takes appropriate remediation steps may be eligible for a presumption of declination, even where aggravating circumstances exist as to the acquired party. The Second Edition further points out that enforcement actions against acquiring parties in such instances have been rare, and generally they have involved either egregious and sustained violations, or culpability on the part of a successor following an acquisition. The Second Edition notes that where a successor company identifies and remediates issues in a timely fashion, any enforcement action is more likely to target the predecessor company, particularly where the government’s investigation predated the acquisition. The Second Edition more strongly signals the extent to which DOJ and the SEC will consider the effectiveness of corporate compliance and ethics programs both at the time of the misconduct and at the time of the resolution, which will impact the form of a resolution, its monetary value, and any required compliance undertakings. Among the more notable changes in this section is a sharpened focus on a company’s remediation efforts to apply “lessons learned” from compliance lapses, which the Second Edition characterizes as “the truest measure of an effective compliance program.”

” The Second Edition references these new guidance documents, including DOJ’s guidance for selecting monitors in Criminal Division matters covered in our 2018 YearEnd FCPA Update , “antipiling on” policy regarding the coordinated resolution of enforcement actions involving multiple enforcement authorities discussed in our 2018 MidYear FCPA Update , and the corporate compliance program guidance noted above. The FCPA Resource Guide now includes a section regarding DOJ’s FCPA Corporate Enforcement Policy, which was most recently updated in November 2019 as discussed in our 2019 YearEnd FCPA Update . The policy, which was established as a pilot program in April 2016 and codified in November 2017, and the principles of which have since been applied in Criminal Division matters outside of the FCPA setting, provides incentives to companies—up to a presumption of declination—that voluntarily self-report, fully cooperate with DOJ, and engage in prompt and thorough remediation. The Second Edition includes a series of examples

in which companies received declinations under the Corporate Enforcement Policy. In some instances, the Second Edition replaces older case studies with more recent examples; the Second Edition also includes new case studies to illustrate the types of gifts that might lead to enforcement action, such as a 2017 enforcement action involving a company allegedly paying for foreign officials to travel to sporting events and providing them with significant “spending money,” paying tuition for foreign officials’ children, and providing foreign officials with luxury vehicles. In that case, the Second Circuit held that foreign nationals are subject to the FCPA antibribery provisions if they are agents, employees, officers, directors, or shareholders of a U.S. issuer or domestic concern, or if they act in furtherance of a bribery scheme while in the territory of the United States.

Though the Second Edition acknowledges *Hoskins*, it takes the position that this decision has not been applied outside the Second Circuit, characterizes this legal question as “unsettled,” and cites to a contradictory district court opinion which held, relying on a Seventh Circuit precedent, that defendants can be liable for conspiracy to violate, or for aiding and abetting in violations of, the FCPA even where they do not “belong to the class of individuals capable of committing a substantive FCPA violation.” Such a reluctance to accept the limits of *Hoskins* speaks volumes regarding the DOJ’s desire to expand the FCPA further than permitted by the Second Circuit. The Second Edition approvingly cites the *Esquenazi* court’s definition of an instrumentality as “an entity controlled by the government of a foreign country that performs a function the controlling government treats as its own,” and incorporates the factors identified in *Esquenazi* for assessing the “government control” and “government function” prongs of this definition. These factors offer refinements, but not major changes, to the guidance provided in prior versions of the FCPA Resource Guide. As with the original FCPA Resource Guide, the Second Edition includes the caveat that it is “nonbinding, informal, and summary in nature,” and many of the concepts described in the document are nuanced and open to a range of interpretations. Companies navigating complex FCPA matters should therefore continue to rely on experienced counsel to understand how U.S. enforcement authorities interpret and enforce the FCPA in practice. We have more than 110 attorneys with FCPA experience, including a number of former federal prosecutors and SEC officials, spread throughout the firm’s domestic and international offices. Please contact the Gibson Dunn attorney with whom you work, or any of the following. By continuing to browse our website, you consent to our use of cookies as set forth in our Cookie Policy.

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However, the 2020 Guide incorporates key policy developments, relevant case law, and enforcement actions from the past eight years, reflecting the continuing evolution of anticorruption law, practice and compliance. In addition, a version of the 2020 Guide with new material highlighted can be found here. This blog post is intended to be a general summary of the law and does not constitute legal advice. You should consult with counsel to determine applicable legal requirements in a specific fact situation. You may change your cookie settings at any time. If you do nothing, you are giving implied consent to the use of cookies on this website. That is four times the number of individual CCH certificate orders that we have received in previous months. And, some of the orders recently received were for over 1000 certificates each. Division staff are working diligently to process the CCH Instructor applications and individual certificate orders as expeditiously as possible. Need an attorney. Upgrade to a different browser or install Google Chrome Frame to experience this site. The First Edition was published in November 2012 and subject to slight revisions in 2015. Although the updated FCPA Guide incorporates legal and policy developments from the last eight years and makes a few notable changes, the structure and content remain largely unchanged from the First Edition. Please adjust your search and try again. Feel free to generate this binder, clear it, and start a new one with the additional pages you wish to collect. Agencies are encouraged to download and adapt the policy to suit their needs. 2006 This seventeenminute video responds to concerns expressed by employers, explaining the ADA in common sense terms and dispelling myths about this often overlooked pool of wellqualified employees. 2009 This technical assistance also includes a cover letter PDF to stakeholders.

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