

Corporate Governance

Jones Walker's Corporate attorneys assist clients with protecting directors and executive officers, as well as the corporation itself, from exposure to the risk of criminal liability that may result in not implementing effective and coordinated legal compliance policies and procedures. A comprehensive corporate compliance program demonstrates that a corporation is taking affirmative steps to control fraud and abuse, which, in the eyes of governmental enforcement authorities, can help mitigate damages and demonstrate good-faith efforts in complying with federal regulations.

It is impossible to completely guarantee that a company's employees or agents will never engage in criminal activity involving the company; however, Jones Walker's Corporate & Securities team provides clients with guidance related to appropriate internal controls, policies, and procedures expected by governmental enforcement agencies, shareholders, and third parties, thereby helping to lessen any potential liability.

Our Corporate Governance team has assisted numerous publicly and privately owned clients in reviewing, developing, and implementing ethics and compliance programs that prevent, detect, and lessen the effects of non-compliance with federal and global requirements. We provide clients with a knowledgeable review of the existing circumstances, and help clients revise and design the policies, procedures, and internal controls necessary to remain in full compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

We have experience conducting objective analyses of internal compliance efforts, confirming and assuring clients' officers and directors that the company has implemented prudent policies and procedures to comply with relevant laws and regulations. If necessary, we will recommend specific measures and remedial actions that should be taken for protection.

From experience, we know that most companies are vulnerable in specific areas of corporate governance and operations. In the event that criminal activity within a corporation is suspected or is under investigation, our Corporate & Securities attorneys, along with the firm's Corporate Compliance & White Collar Defense attorneys, are able to provide immediate intervention and counseling.