

# Webcast: Economic Espionage and Intellectual Property Theft: Trends and Developments with Threats and Enforcement

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U.S. businesses invest significant capital, resources, and time to develop highly valuable technology and processes. Business competitors – and, increasingly, state actors or affiliates of state actors – are stealing that technology at an alarming rate for economic or national strategic advantage to devastating consequences to U.S. industry and national security. This webcast will examine developments regarding the nature of the theft risk, including risk from insiders, cyber intrusions, or other means, and enforcement trends from the Department of Justice and other government agencies.

A team of national security, cyber-crime, and litigation practitioners with experience both inside and outside of government will share their experiences in investigating and defending companies that fall victim to theft of their trade secrets and highlight a number of notable recent criminal prosecutions under the Economic Espionage Act and related statutes. We will discuss best practices for minimizing risk in this important area.

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