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CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT (CTA) COMPLIANCE: A GUIDE FOR IN-HOUSE LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

1 Is Your Company Subject to CTA Reporting?

- Under the CTA, all non-exempt entities ("Reporting Companies") must file Beneficial Ownership Information Reports (BOIRs) identifying anyone who owns 25 percent or more of the entity's ownership interests; OR, exercises substantial control over the entity. This includes subsidiaries and joint ventures.
- Reporting Companies include corporations, LLCs, LLPs, business trusts and most LPs.
 - Note: common law trusts and general partnerships do not meet the definition of Reporting Company but may, nevertheless, be comprised of Beneficial Owners subject to CTA compliance.
- The CTA exempts 23 types of entities, including publicly traded companies; 501(c) tax-exempt organizations; and, certain large operating companies. Always consult with counsel before concluding an exemption applies.

2 BOIR Deadlines

- Entities formed on or after January 1, 2024 90 days from the date of formation.
- Entities formed before January 1, 2024 on or before January 1, 2025.
- Entities formed on or after January 1, 2025 30 days from the date of formation.
- Updates to entity or Beneficial Owner information 30 days from the date change occurred.

3 Identifying Beneficial Owners: Two-Prong Test

- Individuals who own/control at least 25% of the entity's ownership interests; which include profit interests, convertible instruments, options, privileges, or any other mechanism to establish ownership.; OR
- Individuals who exercise substantial control over the entity. This includes senior officers (CEO, COO, CFO and GC) and any individual who directs, determines, or has substantial influence over important decisions.

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4 Are You (or Someone in Your Organization) a Company Applicant?

- Company Applicants are the individuals who direct and control the filing of documents that create Reporting Companies. There will always be at least one, but no more than two, Company Applicants for each entity formed on or after January 1, 2024.
- E.g., you personally filed a document with Delaware Secretary of State to form a Delaware LLC. You are a Company Applicant. If you formed the entity at the direction of another individual, that person is the second Company Applicant.

5 Beyond Reporting: CTA Compliance as Good Corporate Hygiene

- Like cybersecurity and data privacy, CTA compliance must be incorporated into overall operations.
 - Corporate Recordkeeping Update recordkeeping policies related to entity formations/dissolutions and obtain and maintain FinCEN Identifiers for Company Applicants and Beneficial Owners.
 - Corporate Transactions Update due diligence provisions, representations & warranties, and contract terms to include CTA obligations for reporting company and beneficial owners.
 - Establish processes for ongoing monitoring and reporting of changes to reporting company and beneficial ownership information.

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