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## Checklist: What to Include in your Compliance and Ethics Program

- 1. Statement of Corporate/Organizational Values
- 2. Code of Conduct

**IMPORTANT POINTER:** The law about what is acceptable and what violates the law in Codes of Conduct and associated processes and procedures is changing rapidly, so be sure to evaluate your program and get advice regularly on whether your Code complies with current law. The SEC has been particularly vigilant about examining Codes, employee handbooks, and settlement/separation/restrictive covenant and other agreements for language that could be interpreted as discouraging employees' direct communications with the government. Along those lines, be sure to eliminate language that prohibits or limits employees from discussing the subject matter of internal interviews without prior Legal Department authorization, or that precludes employees from providing documents or data to the government.

- 3. Corporate/Organizational Policies & Procedures
- 4. Compliance Hotline or Ethics Help Line
- 5. Training
- Consistent enforcement
- Periodic certification
- 8. Anonymous ethical cultural surveys
- 9. Periodic risk assessments and correction action to fill the gaps
- 10. Routine ethical messaging and recognition of ethical conduct by business leaders and employees
- 11. Inclusion of assessment of legal compliance and ethical conduct in performance evaluations and tie the assessment to compensation

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