

5 Midyear White Collar Trends To Watch

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[Peter E. Jeydel](#), a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's [White Collar Litigation + Investigations](#) Practice Group, was quoted in the July 7, 2026, *Law360* article, "[5 Midyear White Collar Trends to Watch](#)."

"There's activity happening around cartels, but to my knowledge there's not been any significantly new corporate enforcement yet. It's still early days," Peter Jeydel, head of the sanctions and trade controls team at [Troutman Pepper Locke LLP](#), told *Law360*.

Investigations initially focused on cartels and foreign officials will eventually widen as officials and cartel members are arrested and potentially begin providing information to investigators about their ties to corporations, according to Jeydel. The government could also discover corporate ties to cartels on its own, potentially through data analysis.

The enforcement "circle will start widening over time, but that's probably going to take years," Jeydel said.

"There are still people saying the Trump administration is doing nothing with the FCPA. I would be very cautious taking that view," Jeydel added. "I'm confident that there's activity. Just a lot of it is nonpublic."

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Meanwhile, U.S. sanctions enforcement related to Cuba is heating up, according to Jeydel. He told *Law360* that he's been busy helping clients [navigate sanctions risks](#) in that country, where many "foreign investors have started to withdraw from the market, even longtime foreign investors."

"We're in completely uncharted territory" in Cuba, he said, referring to a May 1 executive order from Trump imposing the first-ever secondary sanctions on the country under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

"The U.S. is going to continue to build on the use of this new authority ... and continue targeting more and more Cuban, potentially even non-Cuban, participants in the Cuban economy until they get real change from the Cuban government," Jeydel said.

Though the Cuban government has announced reforms in an apparent effort to appease the Trump administration, "the U.S. government is approaching that with a lot of skepticism," according to Jeydel.

"We're going to see continued tightening with Cuba, that seems clear — until something really significant changes on the island," he said.

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