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For the most part, 2018 will see countries do more to enforce their anti-bribery and corruption laws. How authorities plan to do this — from cooperating with foreign counterparts to adapting others' regimes — differs by jurisdiction.

There's no catch-all advice we can give. But we can share our lawyers' insights on areas that might affect you and what to watch out for.

Topics we cover in our outlook for 2018:

- In the United States, authorities are holding course on bribery and corruption enforcement, despite a predicted slowdown in favor of a more business-friendly approach.
- The global increase in white-collar investigations has led to the UK, France, and Italy becoming a testing ground for deferred prosecution agreements.
- Recent joint-monitorship settlements involving U.S. and Brazilian authorities signal that other international cases will likely include joint-monitorship components. We consider the finer points of joint and dual monitorships.
- Case law in the UK and Germany has put privilege in the spotlight. We discuss the limits of privilege and share practical steps you should know and take.
- In China, the new Anti-Unfair Competition Law redefines commercial bribery. It has wider coverage and increased penalties, although how it works in practice won't be known until we see judges interpret the law.
- The criminal liability systems in South East Asia are evolving. As local laws change, authorities collaborate to keep pace, and they do this increasingly well.
- International cooperation is up. We look at how authorities in Africa and Latin America are working with their foreign counterparts to tackle domestic corruption.

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