

# Presidential Pulse

## *Changes That Influence Business*



Welcome to Seyfarth Shaw's Presidential Pulse Digest, a round-up of analysis by Seyfarth's leading policy team on the business impact of President Donald Trump's policy agenda. President Trump is following through rapidly on his campaign pledge to immediately overhaul, overturn and eliminate a long list of federal laws and regulations. The political, legal and business ramifications of President Trump's new administration are being felt by businesses and individuals across the United States and around the world.

Our attorneys will continue to monitor these developments and will keep you informed of the impact of these changes. Subscribe by clicking the button below to receive the Presidential Pulse Digest.

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### New Sheriffs In Town -- President Trump's Antitrust Picks

*One Minute Memo - March 30, 2017*

**Seyfarth Synopsis:** On Monday, March 27, 2017, the Trump Administration announced the selection of Makan Delrahim to lead the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. This follows the appointment of Abbott (Tad) Lipsky as Acting Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition. The Antitrust Division the Bureau of Competition are both responsible for enforcing U.S. antitrust laws. Mr. Delrahim's appointment now goes to the Senate Judiciary Committee for review. Assuming he is confirmed, companies involved in merger and acquisition transactions should anticipate a pragmatic approach to merger review from the Antitrust Division and the FTC during the Trump Administration.

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### Quick Guidance: What To Do In The Event of a Visit By The DHS-ICE Agents

*Management Alert - March 30, 2017*

**Seyfarth Synopsis:** As the Department of Homeland Security, as well as the administration generally, signals increases in immigration enforcement activity, businesses are advised to implement clear protocols for the conduct of key personnel in the event of a visit by a federal officer, particularly Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). This guidance identifies the likely purposes of an ICE visit and sets forth

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critical steps for key personnel should such a visit occur. Businesses are advised to work with legal counsel to tailor this general guidance to their specific industry and business processes.

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## President Trump Revokes Government Contracting Executive Orders And Signs Disapproval Resolution of “Blacklisting” Regulations

*One Minute Memo - March 27, 2017*

**Seyfarth Synopsis:** On March 27, President Trump issued an Executive Order revoking President Obama’s “Blacklisting” Executive Orders pertaining to the government contracting community. The President also signed the joint resolution of disapproval rescinding the resolutions issued pursuant to President Obama’s Executive Order 13678, entitled “Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces” but popularly referred to as the “Blacklisting” Order. Under the Congressional Review Act, once a resolution is rescinded, the Executive Branch cannot reissue the same or similar regulation absent legislative authorization.

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## House Pulls AHCA Minutes After Expected Vote - Future of Repeal Efforts Uncertain

*Health Care Reform Management Alert - March 24, 2017*

**Seyfarth Synopsis:** As noted in [Issue 106](#), earlier this month Congressional Republicans introduced the American Health Care Act (“AHCA”), which was intended to “repeal” the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”). The AHCA faced challenges from the outset.

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## New Department of State Cable Implements Extreme Vetting Measures

*One Minute Memo - March 24, 2017*

**Seyfarth Synopsis:** New DOS cable instructs U.S. consular posts to identify population groups for tougher visa screening, which will likely lead to increased processing times.

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## New Executive Order Directs Federal Agencies to Trim The Fat

*One Minute Memo - March 20, 2017*

**Seyfarth Synopsis:** President Trump’s executive order directs all federal agencies to point out where they can be trimmed down to meet his proposed budget.

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## Federal Courts Temporarily Block the Trump Administration's Revised Travel Ban

*One Minute Memo - March 16, 2017*

**Seyfarth Synopsis:** Federal judges from Hawaii and Maryland have issued nationwide Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) effectively blocking the implementation of the Trump administration's revised travel ban, which was scheduled to take effect on March 16, 2017.

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