

CCPL Lunchtime Seminar  
**Understanding and Effective Responses  
to Explosive Growth of  
US Extraterritorial Enforcement**

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The \$9 billion penalty imposed against BNP Paribas in 2014 was characterized as illustrating the ‘ferocity’ of US extraterritorial enforcement against non-US companies, particularly financial institutions. In recent years we saw an explosive increase in the impact of the US extraterritorial enforcement by US regulatory agencies and to a lesser extent courts both in the range of activities and the number of non-US companies impacted. US extraterritoriality brought blockbuster penalties in the hundreds of millions and billions of dollars against companies whose places of registration, headquarters and primary operating locations, predominant majority of clients, shareholders and transactions lie outside the US.

This seminar will examine how US extraterritoriality enables US regulatory agencies and courts to punish companies and physical persons based outside of US borders for actions outside US borders potentially violating US domestic law and regulations or posing a threat to US foreign policy or security interests.



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