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Venable attorneys produce periodic alerts and newsletters covering a variety of topics and practice areas. For your convenience, we have assembled below a collection of the latest alerts and newsletters from March 2011. To view a particular item, please click on the title of the piece.

Advertising and Marketing

Advertising Alert

[Online Marketer Will Pay FTC \\$250,000 for Misleading Product Reviews by Affiliates](#)

Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation

Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Alert - Periodic updates on issues relating to employee benefits and executive compensation.

[Focus on Misclassification – Are Your Workers 'Employees' or 'Independent Contractors?'](#)

[Health Care Reform: Another Extended Grace Period](#)

Environmental Law

Environmental Alert - Publications from Venable's Environmental Group relating to state and federal environmental regulatory, compliance and litigation issues.

[EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Deadline to Be Extended](#)

International Trade and Customs

International Trade Alert - Timely and relevant news, events and updates related to Customs, Export Controls and International Trade.

[Obama Bans Transactions with Libyan Government and its Controlled Entities](#)

Labor and Employment

Labor and Employment News Alert - A newsletter covering timely issues and regulatory changes impacting employers.

[Back to Basics – SDNY Says Non-Competes Are Not Retention Agreements](#)

[Complaint or Not Complaint: That is the Question](#)

[New York Wage Theft Prevention Act Increases Obligations and Penalties for Employers Effective April 9, 2011](#)

Nonprofit Organizations and Associations and Trademarks, Copyrights and Domain Names

Nonprofit Alert - Highlighting issues and developments affecting nonprofit organizations and associations in areas such as corporate governance, tax exemption, lobbying and political activity, copyrights and trademarks, labor and employment, antitrust, standard-setting and certification, and more.

[Nonprofits: Don't Get Caught Naked \(Licensing\)](#)

Political Law, Investment Management, and Corporate Finance and Securities

[It Doesn't Pay to "Pay to Play" – Investment Adviser Compliance With Advisers Act Rule 206\(4\)-5 Is Now Mandatory: What You Should Do Now To Avoid Significant Penalties Later](#)

Privacy and Data Security

The Download - Developments in E-Commerce, Privacy, Marketing, and Information Services Law and Policy.

[March 2011 Edition](#)

SEC Investigations and White Collar Defense

SEC Update - Covering developments affecting SEC reporting companies.

[Senate Questions SEC Disclosure Policies](#)

[Indictment of Former GSK Lawyer Dismissed](#)

Tax and Wealth Planning

Tax Bulletin - A periodic newsletter discussing a variety of tax law issues.

[California's New Tax Law Vastly Extends Its Taxing Reach](#)

We would also like to highlight upcoming Venable events that you may be interested in attending. Please click on the event title for additional information.

Venable Breakfast Briefing and Webinar: "Inside Consumer Protection Enforcement with the FTC"

Thursday, April 7, 2011
Breakfast and Networking: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (EST)
Program: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (EST)

Venable's New York office will host an informative breakfast briefing on the FTC's increased enforcement trends and priorities under the leadership of Chairman Jon Leibowitz and BCP Director David Vladeck.

This timely and candid discussion will address the following topics:

- Will Congress give the FTC additional powers in online privacy and other areas?
- How should you adjust your marketing/advertising strategies for heightened scrutiny and tougher law enforcement by the FTC?
- Is your company prepared for more aggressive investigations and law enforcement actions and taking steps to avoid them?

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Internal Revenue Code Section 501(q) and Its Critical Implications for the Nonprofit Housing Counseling Industry in Light of Recent IRS Guidance

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
1:00 p.m. (EST)

HUD-approved housing counseling agencies are required to be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, housing counseling agencies may easily fall under the "definition of credit counseling agencies" trigger Section 501(q) of the Internal Revenue Code, which was added by the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and establishes additional standards that a credit counseling organization must satisfy to qualify for tax-exempt status. Recently, the IRS issued its first written guidance under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(q). Not only does the guidance serve as a good reminder of some of the strict prohibitions under 501(q), but it also demonstrates some of the unintended consequences of the 2006 law -- with potentially disastrous implications for some in the housing counseling industry. In this webinar, Venable attorneys [Jonathan Pompan](#) and [Matthew Journy](#) explain what this all means, and what you can do to protect your agency from IRS scrutiny and audits.

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