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### Clerkships

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### Recent Publications

[Wachtell Lipton Discusses Supreme Court Rejection of Investor-Loss Limit on SEC Disgorgement](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, June 9, 2026.

[Wachtell Lipton Discusses Sixth Circuit Decision on Privilege and Work-Product Protections in Internal Investigations](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, October 16,

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[White-Collar and Regulatory Enforcement: What Mattered in 2024 and What to Expect in 2025](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, February 5, 2025 and [NYU Law School's Blog on Compliance and Enforcement](#), February 28, 2025.

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