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JACK SHARMAN AND AMBER HALL AUTHOR LAW360 ARTICLE ABOUT COVID-19 IMPACT ON INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

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Lightfoot, Franklin & White, LLC partner **Jackson R. Sharman III** and associate **Amber N. Hall** authored **an article for Law360** (subscription required) about how the coronavirus pandemic could affect corporate internal investigations. (Read the full article on our website [here](#).)

The piece, titled “Anticipating COVID-19’s Effect On Internal Investigations,” explores how new realities, such as widespread remote working, may lead to changes in costs, greater opportunities for potential wrongdoing, and increased complexity and burden for internal investigators.

“COVID-19 poses a paradox: Losing the ability to have personal face-to-face meetings may lead to a world where business colleagues (and internal investigators) will have a peek into personal lives in a way that has never happened before,” write the authors. “In the post-coronavirus world, even a relatively straightforward task — for example, identifying who is a witness or a custodian — will become more challenging.”

Among other issues, they also discuss how differing technology and privacy expectations may affect investigations in this new landscape.

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