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Columbia creates blog to monitor securities law enforcement

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Columbia Law School has launched the CLS Blue Sky Blog, a blog on corporations and the capital markets that will offer "analysis of noteworthy developments in the worlds of financial reform, securities regulation, [and] corporate governance."

A special column called the "Filter" will also collect each business day's five most interesting news items or blog posts.

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Coffee's January 16 post, "SEC Enforcement Rhetoric and Reality," has already been cited for praise by Compliance Week columnist Bruce Carton, a former senior counsel in the SEC's Division of Enforcement.

The CLS Blue Sky Blog is edited and managed by Jason W. Parson, a former corporate and securities law practitioner who is currently a lecturer-in-law and a post-doctoral research scholar at Columbia.

The blog will feature commentary on the Dodd-Frank Act, securities regulation, mergers and acquisitions, finance and economics, corporate governance, and related international developments, as well as a searchable library of memos from leading law firms.

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