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WHISTLEBLOWING AND WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS IN THE COVID-19 ERA

Whistleblowing has proved to be an effective means of unearthing complex and often hidden corruption practices and regulatory infractions. Yet the protection of whistleblowers continues to be a serious challenge in most jurisdictions. This, in turn, undermines the effectiveness of whistleblowing as a potent tool to detect corruption cases. Experts believe that COVID-19 virus pandemic has heightened the risk of corruption and fraud in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. In particular, procurements carried out in emergency conditions in the health sector, and the huge stimulus packages provided in many countries to businesses and individuals, have provided opportunities for corrupt practices to emerge.

The global economic trend which shows signs of an oncoming recession exacerbate the danger of anti-corruption laws and regulations being violated as the business sector goes into survival mode. While governments use emergency powers to handle the outbreak, it is imperative to have increased oversight of executive decisions by the judiciary, national audit institutions, ombudspersons, civil society and the media. This can be reinforced by providing a more conducive environment for whistleblowing disclosures and an increased focus on protecting those who choose to report wrongdoing and abuses directly outside their employment.

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