

Responding to a Civil Investigative Demand (CID)

A Civil Investigative Demand (CID) is a powerful administrative tool used by federal and state agencies to compel the production of documents or sworn testimony. While a CID is investigative rather than a formal charging document, it is often the first sign that federal prosecutors are scrutinizing your organization.

WHEN TO TAKE ACTION

A CID must be treated as a high-priority **regulatory enforcement** matter. Contact a **white collar defense** attorney immediately if:

- **You receive a CID from the DOJ or OIG:** These demands are legally required; ignoring them can result in court-ordered enforcement.
- **You are asked for sworn testimony:** Any statement made by custodians or executives is under oath and can be used to build a **criminal investigation**.
- **The request is overbroad:** Broad CIDs can lead to “scope creep,” handing investigators a roadmap to expand their inquiry.

HOW TO TAKE ACTION

- **Engage Former Federal Prosecutors:** Our team has issued these demands from the government side; we know how to identify the true focus of an inquiry and where to negotiate.
- **Narrow the Scope:** We actively engage with investigators to limit the dates, custodians, and document types required to reduce **operational disruption**.
- **Preserve Evidence and Review for Privilege:** We help issue legal holds and conduct meticulous privilege reviews to ensure sensitive material is not accidentally produced.
- **Prepare Witnesses:** We provide sophisticated coaching for executives required to give testimony to ensure all statements are accurate and protective of the organization.

Contact Dykema’s White Collar Defense and Government Investigations practice today for a confidential consultation.



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