

ABA Sound Advice: Conducting Civil Rights Audits: Benefits and Best Practices

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On this podcast, two former AUSAs discuss the role of outside counsel in a civil rights audit, also known as a corporate culture review. Corporate governance litigator Jack Clabby talks with his colleague, Simon Gaugush, a former Civil Rights Coordinator for the US Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida. What is a civil rights audit or corporate culture review, and why might a company conduct such an audit? Who should conduct these reviews and how are outside counsel being retained? How can such an audit help prevent or blunt event-driven securities litigation and address a corporation's "headline risk"? What should a company do after the audit? Jack and Simon discuss best practices for taking an introspective look at a company's policies and practices with transparency and accountability. This podcast was recorded as part of the Sound Advice program of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation.

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