

Matthew Sanderson Talks to Forbes on FARA

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There's a new sheriff in town – the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Brandon L. Van Grack, a former member of Robert Mueller's prosecution team – who's vowing to crack down on violators of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). FARA is the long-forgotten lobbying disclosure law that disgraced Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort put back on the map. DOJ's renewed focus on FARA enforcement won't lead to hangings at sunrise – but it won't be a game of beanbag, either.

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Matthew Sanderson, a FARA expert at Caplin & Drysdale, notes, “We are at the dawn of a whole new era of FARA enforcement, with the DOJ not only actively policing the law but also going after high-profile individuals and firms. Those representing foreign governments, NGOs, companies, and individuals can no longer afford to ignore the law or rely on their prominence to save them. It will be vital in the months and years ahead for those working in this space to both understand FARA and institute a FARA compliance system, particularly as it relates to taking in new clients that are located abroad.”

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