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DOJ's New Era in White-Collar Enforcement Under Trump

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The article uses details from a May 12 memorandum from Matthew R. Galeotti, Head of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Criminal Division, to explore the potential direction the DOJ may take in white-collar enforcement under President Trump's second term. The memorandum, titled Focus, Fairness, and Efficiency in the Fight Against White-Collar Crime (Galeotti Memorandum), covers three primary tenets that will guide the Department's prosecution of white-collar matters: focus, fairness and efficiency.

In general, Galeotti emphasizes the Department's commitment to "do justice, uphold the rule of law, protect the American public, and vindicate victims' rights." Additionally, Galeotti notes that white-collar offenses pose a "significant threat to US interests." That said, the Department intends to take a "targeted and efficient" approach that would not result in overly broad enforcement, which could "punish risk-taking and hinder innovation."

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