

# Covington Employee Trade Secret Theft



Information on the theft of business critical information by company insiders and strategies for mitigating the risk.

Theft of trade secrets and other business critical information by employees and other insiders is increasing at alarming rates—costing businesses billions of dollars annually. In one recent case, DuPont was awarded nearly \$1 billion in damages after a former DuPont employee was found to have shared confidential information with a competitor. The theft was obviously a problem for DuPont, but the damages award quickly became a serious problem for the competitor as well. And the former DuPont employee ended up in federal prison. Protecting business critical information is not simple. It involves...