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Nashville, Tenn., January 8, 2016 - Burr & Forman LLP announces that Nashville-based Partner, Matthew J. DeVries, was featured in a *LegalNewsline* article titled "DOJ's Yates Memo Aims to Increase Individual Culpability in Corporate Crimes."

After seeing a post titled "What Federal Contractors Should Know About the 'Yates Memo'" on DeVries' blog, www.bestpracticesconstructionlaw.com, *LegalNewsline* writer, Vimbai Chikomo, contacted him for an interview. In his article, Chikomo discusses the Yates Memo, a memorandum issued by Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates on Sept. 9, 2015. The Yates Memo established six new policies to help the Department of Justice convict individuals involved in corporate misconduct.

"Many people believe that deterrence in this realm is best achieved by prosecuting individuals," DeVries said. "I believe the Yates Memo constituted, at least in part, the DOJ's response to public criticism that corporations are not doing enough to avoid misconduct and hold those individuals within the company responsible for wrongdoing."

DeVries is the Chair of the firm's Construction Law practice group. His focus is primarily on construction and business litigation, with a concentration on health care and transportation industries. He represents contractors, subcontractors, design-builders, owners, developers and design professionals.

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