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Léon Moubayed Talks to *Canadian Lawyer InHouse* About the Growing Threat of White-Collar Crime

In an [article](#) published this week in *Canadian Lawyer InHouse*, Davies partner [Léon Moubayed](#) gives his expert take on the growing prevalence of white collar crime amid the COVID-19 pandemic and on the steps that in-house counsel can take to protect their businesses.

Léon points out that, while high profile cases such as SNC-Lavalin are unusual, business crime on a smaller scale will always be a rampant problem.

“The history of white-collar crime shows that, in every situation – whether you have a booming economy or a financial crisis – white-collar crime will always find its way,” he says. “With the pandemic, you’re going to see vulnerabilities being extorted more and more, and the role of in-house counsel is to make sure you have proper systems in place to detect, prevent and remediate those problems.”

Léon advises in-house counsel to work toward bringing a cultural shift within a company to make corruption socially unacceptable. Outlining rules on the company website is not enough. He believes that such a shift requires real, frank and frequent conversations involving all stakeholders to create a clear commitment against financial crime and to ensure that everyone understands why it is so important.