



Claire Shaw Consultant Solicitor

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Overview

Claire is a highly experienced business crime specialist with over 25 years' experience in advising on all aspects of White Collar Crime. This includes responding to and defending SFO cases and other Government and Regulatory investigations, the review of and/or implementation of anti-bribery policies and practice, corporate internal fraud and corruption investigations, and providing advice on directors' liability under the criminal law.

Uniquely placed as a lawyer who has worked in defence practice, as an SFO prosecutor and as specialist in-house counsel at a corporate target of multiple investigations, Claire has therefore seen large-scale investigations from all sides and has a deep understanding of the Government agency approach to investigations, as well as having been the client in such a crisis situation.

She has an in-depth knowledge of complex international cases, instigated against corporates and individuals by the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), other UK and European Government agencies, and the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and has advised both corporate and individual clients extensively, from dawn raids and police station attendance through to negotiated settlement or trial and appeal. She has handled cases involving various multilateral development banks, including the World Bank, and is familiar with the sanctions proceedings conducted by those bodies. As a result of this wide-ranging experience, Claire has extensive expertise in corporate strategy, particularly in cross-border situations and managing teams of investigators and large quantities of forensic evidence, as well as negotiating case resolution.

Claire provides Boards with advice on business continuity and corporate governance, not only in the context of companies being targeted by a judicial authority but also on a pre-emptive and preventative basis. She has also run large, urgent and extensive internal investigations on behalf of corporate clients.

Expertise

- Fraud and corruption investigations
- Representation of individual executive corporates from police station/dawn raid advice to trial
- Conduct of internal investigations for corporate clients

- Anti-bribery advice to Boards
- Compliance health checks and reviews
- Due diligence investigations and advice
- Investigation management
- Crisis management
- Change management
- ABC and ethics training

Cases

- Represented key suspect in the investigation of Johnson & Johnson/De Puy culminating in a decision of no further action by the SFO and the DOJ against the client.
- Represented a well-known publishing house from initial crisis management during police searches to negotiated resolution of the corporate case with both the SFO and the World Bank.
- Coordinated the response to the SFO raids at multiple premises of a well-known French-owned infrastructure multinational, taking the lead role in advising the client on legal issues and directing all crisis management processes.
- Led the internal investigation for an energy client relating to a House of Lords cash-for-influence scandal reported extensively in the press.
- Directed the Government's case of RBG Resources, namely the UK investigation of a major international securitised finance fraud valued at \$1.4 billion, which led to the trial and conviction of defendants. The case involved mutual legal assistance from Hong Kong, India and the US, as well as being the first use in a UK business crime trial of US co-operating witnesses.

Recognition

Recognised in the Legal 500 2018 for Fraud: Civil

"Huge experience in white collar crime investigations and prosecutions"

Legal 500 2018

Career

2017	Keystone Law <i>Consultant Solicitor</i>
2015-2016	GE Global Investigations <i>Executive Counsel</i>
2010-2015	ALSTOM <i>Senior Legal Counsel</i>
2008-2010	Pinsent Masons <i>Head of Anti-Bribery and Corruption</i>
1999-2007	Serious Fraud Office <i>Senior Prosecutor</i>
1993-1999	Burton Copeland Harkavys Magrath & Co <i>Associate</i>
1991	Qualified as a Solicitor

