

# Crime, Fraud & Investigations – Life Sciences



## Our services

- a strong corporate crime capability which covers both “sharp end” representation in the face of criminal prosecutions or investigations and compliance advice to avoid such problems arising;
- support from our 210 litigators across Europe, the Middle East and Asia who can handle the largest civil claims and administrative or regulatory proceedings on a domestic and cross-border basis;
- a focus on Life Sciences. We advise 18 of the 20 global pharmaceutical companies.

### Bribery and corruption

We advise major companies on the OECD Convention and the legislation which implements it on a national level. We assist clients in developing anti-corruption compliance policies and work with them to deliver training to their employees. We also advise on corruption investigations instigated by whistleblowers, a prosecutor or an M&A transaction.

### Bribery Act

We have advised over 70 organisations globally on the UK Bribery Act and its implications. We are a leading authority on the Bribery Act and have been more closely involved in the development of the Act than any other firm. For example, our partners have given evidence before a Parliamentary Select Committee and have been working closely with the Ministry of Justice on this matter, as well as sitting on the CBI and BBA committees responsible for anti-corruption.

### Employee fraud

Employee fraud occurs at any level. We can investigate the employee’s conduct, liaise with the police and prosecuting authorities and advise on any requirements to notify suspected money laundering. We can also assist in managing reputational risk issues.

### Extradition

Developments in extradition law and the EU arrest warrant mean that there is a real risk of business people being removed to face trial in a hostile jurisdiction. We have cutting-edge experience of acting in such matters.

### Competition investigations

Throughout Europe, authorities are imposing harsher penalties for “hardcore” cartel and anti-trust behaviour. We advise clients on anti-trust compliance programmes and dawn raid procedures and have experience assisting clients who are the subject of action by competition regulators.

### Environment and safety

With strong environment and safety practices, we represent company directors and senior managers facing criminal investigations, following alleged breaches of legislation or major incidents.

### Asset recovery

We act for victims of fraud to recover the expropriated monies through court applications for emergency relief to secure evidence and prevent dissipation of funds. This includes working with the authorities and instructing forensic experts.

### Revenue investigations

We advise corporates and professional advisers on criminal liability arising from tax and VAT issues, giving assistance during investigations and negotiations with tax and prosecuting authorities.

### Regulatory investigations

We act for clients who are being investigated by regulatory authorities. This includes both legal issues and tactical considerations involved in cooperating with the authorities.

## Other services

We also advise on product liability and safety, issues surrounding animal activists, counterfeiting, and illegal promotion of pharmaceutical and healthcare products and services, and anti-money laundering.

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