

Alexandra Webster



Supervising Associate

London

T +44 20 7825 3602

E alexandra.webster@simmons-simmons.com

Alexandra is a supervising associate in the Crime, Fraud & Investigations group in London. She advises on anti-bribery compliance, and corruption and fraud related matters for both corporations and individuals. She is a member of Simmons & Simmons' sanctions team, and regularly advises clients on compliance with UK and EU sanctions regimes.

Alexandra's experience encompasses dealing with arrests, search and seizure issues and acting on internal and external criminal investigations. She also has significant civil litigation experience and has acted in regulatory proceedings. This allows her to provide clients with a comprehensive assessment of their position, particularly where parallel proceedings are ongoing.

Recent Work

- *Tchenguiz & others vs Grant Thornton UK LLP & others*: acting for Grant Thornton in the defence of the claims brought against it by the Tchenguiz brothers
- advising the Audit Committee of a European headquartered global FMCG company in respect of suspected corrupt activity by overseas subsidiaries/employees in India, Azerbaijan and Russia
- defending the former COO of a FTSE 250 oil and gas exploration company in a Serious Fraud Office prosecution for fraud and money laundering offences
- advising an international project development company on compliance and ethics, including providing Code of Conduct training to senior management and employees from across the business
- representing a solicitor in respect of a police investigation into suspected fraud, and subsequent proceedings in the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal
- routinely advising companies across a range of sectors on anti-bribery policies and procedures, gifts and hospitality, conflicts issues and contractual protections (including Financial Institutions, Asset Managers, Japanese conglomerates, technology and communications companies and a UK rating agency)
- advising a number of companies, particularly within the Asset Management sector, on implications of EU and UK sanctions against Russia and Iran
- advising companies suspected of wrongdoing on possible exclusion from public contracts, pursuant to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015
- advising on due diligence and mitigating bribery risk in a transactional context.

Background

Alexandra is a regular contributor to publications on financial crime related topics, and completed an MBA (Legal Services) in 2012.