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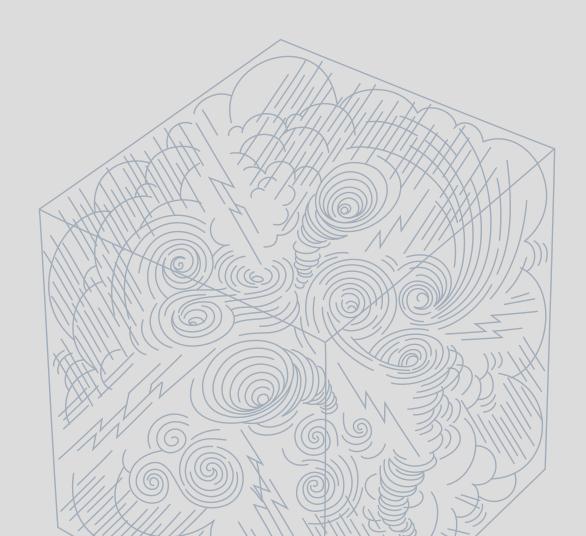
Investigate.

Advise.

Defend.

Comply.











# GO-TO FIRM FOR BOTH LOCAL AND MULTINATIONAL CLIENTS FACING GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS.

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COMPLETE AND SEAMLESS JOINED-UPNESS BETWEEN SPECIALIST TEAMS.

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# GLOBAL INVESTIGATIONS

### THE CHANGING RISK LANDSCAPE

Responsible corporates and organisations work hard to do the right thing, but the modern business world is fraught with new and expanding risks. These challenges demand pragmatic, commercial and sound legal strategies, informed by decades of experience in addressing and combating corporate crime. Our Global Investigations team helps organisations tackle and mitigate the myriad threats, including reputational risks, of:

- compliance with changing legislation aimed at corporate accountability;
- enforcement actions by law enforcement, prosecutors, regulators and other public or quasi-public bodies; and
- misconduct including issues of corporate criminal liability.

Enforcement actions affecting corporations and their senior leadership teams span an enormous range of offences and infractions: bribery and corruption, money laundering, fraud, financial services misconduct, professional standards breaches, sanctions, tax evasion, health and safety breaches and much more. We help organisations investigate wrongdoing, work with public bodies, and ensure compliance, while supporting individuals who find themselves caught up in corporate or financial allegations of misconduct.



# BROAD EXPERTISE, DEEP EXPERIENCE



**OUR SPECIALIST GLOBAL INVESTIGATIONS PRACTICE IS MADE UP OF 14 PARTNERS GLOBALLY** (5 BASED OUTSIDE OF THE UK) WHO HAVE ACTED FOR MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE FTSE 100 AND ARE RECOMMENDED IN **EVERY MAJOR LEGAL DIRECTORY.** THE PRACTICE BRINGS TOGETHER **EXPERTS FROM ALL CORE CRIMINAL AND REGULATORY DISCIPLINES, EACH WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE OF CONDUCTING** MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL INTERNAL **INVESTIGATIONS, LIAISING** AND NEGOTIATING WITH LAW **ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR** REGULATORS AND REPRESENTING **COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS** IN COMPLEX. HIGH-PROFILE AND SENSITIVE MATTERS."

We are one of the very few firms to have represented corporate clients in negotiations with both the UK Serious Fraud Office and US Department of Justice in a Deferred Prosecution Agreement. Alongside our corporate crime and sanctions practice we have specialists in financial services investigations, health and safety investigations and professional disciplinary investigations conducted by the PRA, FCA, PSR, FRC, AADB, HSE, SRA and others.

Former prosecutors and regulators in the team work alongside practitioners who have held senior roles in large corporates or who have years of experience defending companies from the threat of enforcement action.

We can guide and support you through every stage of an allegation or enforcement action, including:

- responding to the first alert and managing the immediate crisis
- crafting an internal investigation strategy
- managing the collection, review and disclosure of evidence
- addressing difficult and complex issues of legal professional privilege
- advising on potential liabilities and prospective remediation
- representing you in investigations brought by law enforcement and regulators
- bringing private prosecutions or civil actions to defend the company from criminal threats

- representing you at trial, disciplinary hearings, settlement or other resolutions
- working closely with reputational management teams to ensure legal and commercial approaches are closely aligned
- designing and implementing compliance programs, past business reviews and remediation exercises to resolve historical issues and prevent and detect misconduct.

At all times our focus is on minimising the legal and reputational risks and the disruption to your operations, while finding commercial solutions to get you and your company back to developing your business.

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MICHELLE DE KLUYVER RECEIVES WIDESPREAD PLAUDITS FROM INTERNATIONAL PEERS FOR HER "FANTASTIC" WORK ON CROSS-BORDER CORPORATE INVESTIGATIONS RELATING TO FRAUD, BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION CLAIMS.

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NICHOLA PETERS IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE, SENSIBLE AND PRAGMATIC. SHE REALLY FIGHTS FOR HER CLIENT.

Chambers & Partners

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POLLY SPRENGER BRINGS TO BEAR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AS HEAD OF STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE AT THE SFO IN PRIVATE PROSECUTIONS FOR CORPORATE CLIENTS, WITH NOTED EXPERTISE IN FRAUD MATTERS. "SHE IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CLIENTS' PROBLEMS."

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DAVID PYGOTT AND SARAH THOMAS ARE BRIGHT, PERSONABLE AND GIVE SUCCINCT ADVICE.

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POLLY SPRENGER IS A SPECIALIST FRAUD LITIGATOR AND A VERY ABLE ADVOCATE. HER APPETITE AND HER ABILITY TO SEEK PRACTICAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR HER CLIENT, USING CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JURISDICTIONS IN THE UK, ARE EXEMPLARY.

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DAVID PYGOTT HAS PHENOMENAL KNOWLEDGE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION; CLOSE ATTENTION TO DETAIL; IS DEVOTED TO CLIENT SERVICE; AND DETERMINED TO GET AS GOOD A RESULT AS POSSIBLE'.

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# **HOLISTIC GUIDANCE** TO MANAGE A CRISIS

### **INVESTIGATIONS**



### REPUTATION **MANAGEMENT**

### Leaks of confidential information

### SFO, HMRC and law **AUTHORITIES**

- enforcement
  - PRA, FCA and PSR
  - FRC
  - HSE. Environment Agency, Fire and Rescue Service
  - Food and Fire Safety Authorities
  - Local authorities
  - Professional and industry bodies



- Data preservation and review
- Interviews
- Report drafting
- Remediation and past business reviews
- Investigations misconduct
- Liaising with regulators and enforcement agencies
- Reporting obligations



- Libel and defamation
- Media management
- Data privacy
- Urgent steps/ injunctions



### **PROCEEDINGS**



- Private prosecution
- Criminal defence
- Inquiries and inquests
- Appealing and contesting enforcement notices
- Civil fraud claims and asset tracing

### **GOVERNANCE**



- Culture and conduct issues
- Senior management responsibility and SMCR
- Disciplinary
- Training



### **HOW WE CAN HELP**

### WE ARE A DEDICATED AND SPECIALIST TEAM

INSTILLED WITH THE PRIZED ADDLESHAW GODDARD CLIENT FOCUSED ETHOS.



#### **EXCELLENCE**

Our practice and our lawyers are high profile. We are recognised as a top 100 investigation firm by Global Investigations Review and our lawyers are recognised in Legal 500, Chambers & Partners, Who's Who Legal: Investigations and many others.



#### PROJECT MANAGEMENT

We pride ourselves on tight project management, supported by our inhouse project managers. We deliver on time, keep our clients up to date and actively manage the legal budget. We look to innovate ways to provide more value for clients.



### VALUE

We provide cost certainty and value. We conduct our work to a high standard and also at the right levels within our team.



#### **FULL SERVICE**

We are a full service law firm and draw on the specialist skills of our colleagues. We work particularly closely with our financial regulation, employment, reputational risk, data protection and competition teams.



### **FS INVESTIGATIONS**

Our specialists have decades of experience in contentious financial services investigations, advising across all sectors of financial services, including banking, asset management, lending and insurance.

They have advised in many of the most high profile investigations by the Prudential Regulation Authority, Financial Conduct Authority and Payment Systems Regulator.

Our team also has deep experience of managing s166 Skilled Persons investigations, conducting internal investigations, remediation and past business reviews, and advising on independent public reviews.

Our expertise includes advising on investigations into:

- Market abuse
- AML systems and controls
- Benchmark manipulation
- Culture, governance and SMCR
- Client money and assets (CASS)
- Complaints handling
- Suitability of investment advice and disclosure of information under COBS
- Conflicts of interest
- Regulated mortgage lending
- Remuneration adjustment under the Remuneration Codes.



### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

Our team has extensive experience advising on all aspects of safety from compliance through to fully contested proceedings. The team includes a mixture of experienced defendant practitioners and former senior prosecutors. We are supported by AG Integrate experts including former senior HSE officers to offer technical and operational insight and support on compliance and issues identified. We routinely act for clients across all sectors including retail and consumer, advanced manufacturing, real estate, transport, energy and utilities.

Our offering includes Public Inquiries - we are involved in three of the most high profile and nationally significant Inquiries of recent times, representing families, corporate organisations and Government bodies. This unique experience gives us a rounded and holistic view on how best to represent and advise our clients.

Our expertise includes advising on investigations into:

- Fatal and/or serious accident investigations by HSE and other regulators
- Corporate Manslaughter investigations
- Inquests and responding to Coroner's Reports Preventing Future Deaths
- Fire safety including changes contemplated by the Building and Fire Safety Bills
- Contesting and appealing enforcement notices
- Advising on powers of search and compulsion
- Representing directors and individuals subject to personal prosecution
- Product safety incidents and advice on product recall

- Food safety incidents including the consequences of exposure to allergens
- Occupational disease incidents and investigations
- DSEAR, COSHH, COMAH and other niche regimes
- Director disqualification risks
- Emerging issues and trends, including novel risks and products
- Supporting Clients in their handling of Public Inquiries and responding to requests for documentation and witness evidence.



### PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINARY

Our team comprises experienced partners who have a successful record defending accountancy firms, auditors and other professionals in FRC, AADB and SRA investigations.

As the professional services regulators seek to sharpen their enforcement tools and emulate the FCA, our cross-disciplinary experience in financial services investigations enables us to stay ahead of these new regulatory enforcement approaches.

Our specialists' experience includes:

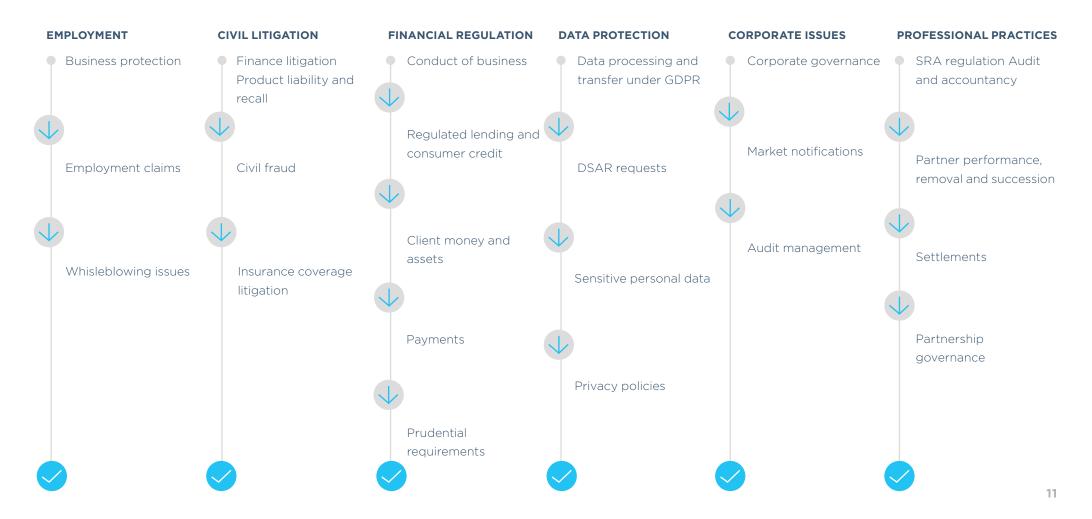
- FRC investigations of auditors and accountants
- Internal investigations into accountancy requirements arising from whistleblowing
- Investigating corporate collapses and advising companies, directors and auditors on regulatory proceedings arising from such instances
- Advising on auditors disciplinary investigations
- Assisting corporates to navigate accountancy regulatory requirements in the context of audits
- SRA investigations
- Sensitive inter-personal investigations.



## **EVERY LEGAL RISK, COVERED**

ADDLESHAW GODDARD'S GLOBAL INVESTIGATION LAWYERS DON'T WORK IN SILOS.

WE HELP OUR CLIENTS MANAGE ALL OF THE RISKS ARISING FROM CRISIS EVENTS, TO PROTECT AGAINST A THREAT BEING CREATED IN ONE AREA WHILE MITIGATING A RISK IN ANOTHER.



### INTERNATIONAL

WE HAVE A STRONG INTERNATIONAL
CAPABILITY THROUGH OUR INTERNATIONAL
OFFICES, OUR STRATEGIC ALLIANCES
AND OUR WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF
PREFERRED FIRMS.

IN ADDITION TO OUR UK OFFICES, WE HAVE OVERSEAS OFFICES IN GERMANY, ACROSS THE GCC AND ASIA, SPECIFICALLY IN DUBAI, HONG KONG, OMAN, QATAR AND SINGAPORE.

WE REGULARLY CONDUCT INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS AND OUR STRONG LINKS WORLDWIDE PROVIDE LOCAL EXPERTISE, CULTURAL AWARENESS, SECTOR KNOWLEDGE AND GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE.



ADDLESHAW'S TEAM OF HIGHLY EXPERIENCED LAWYERS IS REGULARLY SOUGHT OUT TO ADVISE ON SOME OF THE WORLD'S HIGHEST PROFILE INVESTIGATIONS.

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