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Francesca Ingram is an experienced criminal defence lawyer specialising in white collar crime, regulatory and complex international fraud investigations.

She advises on fraud, bribery & corruption and money laundering issues. She has a background in defending prosecutions and investigations undertaken by the broad spectrum of UK regulators, including the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), HM Revenue & Customs, the Financial Conduct Authority and the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform. She also has a detailed understanding of the nature of prosecutions and investigations gained in her previous role as a Senior Crown Prosecutor in the Fraud Unit of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), where she was responsible for serious and complex fraud investigations and prosecutions.

Francesca has worked for international clients on a number of multi-jurisdictional investigations, involving the SFO, the US Department of Justice (DoJ) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

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- Acting for a worldwide shipping logistics company on an internal investigation, in cooperation with the SFO, into allegations of facilitation payments made in 10 countries
 - The SFO ultimately terminated the investigation after being persuaded that there was insufficient evidence for a criminal prosecution, nor grounds for a civil settlement under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
 - Acting for a UK oil and gas company operating in Somalia who were under investigation by the SFO for bribery of foreign Government officials in order to obtain key contracts. The SFO ultimately discontinued their investigation after being persuaded that there was insufficient evidence for a criminal prosecution
 - Formerly a Senior Crown Prosecutor for the Fraud Unit of the CPS with responsibility for complex national and international investigations within the UK
 - Acting for a range of clients on compliance with the Bribery Act and adequate procedures, the Money Laundering Regulations and the Criminal Finances Act 2017 and reasonable procedures
 - Considerable experience of investigation procedures and tactics, such as interviews under caution, dawn raids, restraint orders and search warrants
 - All aspects of criminal procedure as it relates to white collar crime and fraud, in particular money laundering, extradition, restraint and confiscation procedures

CREDENTIALS

Prior Experience

- 2010 - Date: DLA Piper UK LLP
- 2009 : Senior Crown Prosecutor, Fraud Unit of Crown Prosecution Service
- 2002 - 2008: Corker Binning Solicitors, White Collar Crime Defence Lawyer
- 1998 - 2002: Sears Blok (now Tuckers), Criminal Defence Lawyer

Education

- Legal Practice Course, College of Law, London, 1998
- Law & Italian Law LLB, University College London, 1997

Memberships

- Female Fraud Forum
- London Criminal Courts Solicitors Association
- Member of the Law Society of England and Wales