



Investigations

With the world's largest network of dedicated investigative professionals and dispute lawyers, DLA Piper's Global Investigations team provides guidance on all criminal, regulatory and crisis scenarios.

"Our experience and presence in the world's key regions enables us to deploy multi-disciplinary, cross-border teams to deal with every shade of corporate, regulatory and internal investigation." *Senator George J. Mitchell, Partner and Senior Advisor, DLA Piper*

Comprising white collar crime and regulatory defense lawyers, dedicated investigative lawyers, and former regulators, government attorneys and prosecutors, our multi-disciplinary and cross-border team can deal with all kinds of investigation, in particular relating to audit inquiries, bribery and corruption, fraud, money laundering, market abuse, tax evasion, product liability, labor law issues, sanctions breaches and anti-competitive behavior; we regularly manage complex cross-border investigations and asset recovery exercises and we can assist to prepare for and respond to cyber-attack.

We can respond to challenges of any size, tailoring individual teams to the needs of our clients. We commit to providing services of the highest quality and integrity (including data management) and to do so efficiently and cost effectively.

We are one of a few international law firms with a dedicated and substantial global Investigations team with proven ability to share expertise and resources across our global platform. Our local advisors in the US, the UK, Europe, Middle East, Asia and Australia have deep experience and resources in handling criminal, regulatory and internal investigations for multinational companies with operations and businesses spread across the globe.

Our team also works side-by-side with our compliance specialists to assist multinational companies to conduct innovative proactive compliance reviews, develop effective compliance programmes to control risk, train employees, create monitoring and auditing procedures, and devise strategies for remedial action. This innovative approach sets us apart from traditional investigation practices.

Our core investigatory and compliance services include:

- Subject matter, sector based or country orientated investigations
- Internal investigations, regulatory investigations and criminal investigations
- Risk reviews, regulatory risk gap analysis and proactive compliance strategy audits
- Expert insight into the latest regulatory developments, investigation 'hot spots' and enforcement

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- Compliance strategies that keep exposure to a minimum
- Response to contentious and non-contentious regulatory and contractual issues
- Crisis management
- Mitigating business interruption, economic loss and reputational damage
- Training global teams to respond effectively to regulatory intervention, including raid training.

EXPERIENCE

- Served as counsel to former Senator and Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen and worked alongside staff from The Cohen Group in support of his independent review of the US EPA's evaluation of the environmental risks potentially posed by mining in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed. The investigation culminated in a 346-page public report which details the investigative process, sets out a factual record, and provides Secretary Cohen's recommendations for policymakers.
- Acting for a global healthcare organisation on an internal investigation into two business units regarding the suspicion of antitrust violations (price arrangements, internal market issues) and criminal offences (bid rigging, fraud to the detriment of doctors and hospitals), and disclosure to and contact with the Cartel authorities and Public Prosecutor's Offices. The investigation included reviewing of employees' email accounts, dealer arrangements, employee incentive arrangements, interviewing numerous employees and management, taking remedial actions including dismissal of management and other disciplinary actions.
- Advising a Consultancy firm on an investigation into kidnapping in Sudan, allegations that the kidnap and rescue negotiators acted negligently, involved interviews conducted in multiple locations throughout Africa, including Sudan, South Africa, and additional interviews in London, North Carolina and Washington DC, with court hearings in New York.
- Advising two senior officers of an Australian-based regional provider of engineering services across Asia in respect of allegations of inappropriate payments in tender processes for major infrastructure projects in Vietnam in the period 2006-8 and in the Philippines in the period 2006-2010.
- Advising a publically listed Chinese fertiliser company regarding investigations in Canada, China and Mongolia related to accounting irregularities. Also represented the client in responding to the related investigation by the Ontario Securities Commission and the TSX.
- Representing a multinational conglomerate in two criminal antitrust investigations by the US Department of Justice, Antitrust Division and involved in follow-along civil litigation in Japan, the UK, and the United States.
- Investigating and advising on sanction proceedings for a leading European independent investment bank before the AMF regarding compliance issues and insider dealing.
- Representing a major Australian bank in large scale and complex investigations by both the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) concerning trading practices in the \$5.3 trillion dollar per day international foreign currency exchange market, over a 6 year period.
- Advising an international insurance and financial services organisation and conducting a global internal investigation covering all of its subsidiaries across more than 30 countries in Europe, Middle East, Asia and Africa, to determine whether or not there were any potential OFAC investigations.
- Investigating on behalf of a food manufacturer, whistle-blower reports about alleged irregularities surrounding a tender in an African country and the possibility of corrupt payments to government officials. The internal investigation covered six jurisdictions.
- Advising a listed global provider of consumer products in respect of integrity and compliance issues raised by a UAE-based whistleblower and conducting the related investigation. Additionally advised on all Middle East aspects of a wide-ranging global compliance and integrity review across multiple jurisdictions.
- Assisting a major Asia based global transportation company in relation to a series of regulatory and criminal interventions that have regulatory impact in markets within and outside of Asia, including assisting with their internal investigations and responding to regulator inquiries.

INSIGHTS

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Publications

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On September 25, 2019, the EU formally adopted the new EU Whistleblower Protection Directive (the Directive) designed to enhance protection for whistleblowers within the EU. The Directive is designed to provide common minimum standards across the Union and requires Member States to transpose it into national law by October 2021.

The challenges of compliance in a modern world: The changing landscape of cartel enforcement

7 September 2021

ANTITRUST MATTERS

With the rise of technological developments, we also have seen increased risks. In this new digital world, we are creating more data year on year. Data storage, ease of communications (including the use of email and chat), along with the ease of photos and videos means that data volumes are increasing exponentially.

US v. *Bescond* addresses "fugitive disentitlement": Potential game changer for foreign-based defendants facing US charges

30 August 2021

The Second Circuit found that a French citizen who had been in France throughout the period of the alleged crimes was not a "fugitive" and that the district court abused its discretion by applying the fugitive disentitlement doctrine.

The UK Bribery Act: A Perfect 10 or an uninspired 5/10?

1 July 2021

From its conception, the UK Bribery Act 2010, which came into force on 1 July 2011, presented itself as a radical and comprehensive overhaul of UK anti-bribery and corruption law. So, a decade on, what does the score card look like?

Norway - Whistleblowing Laws in Europe: An international guide

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Supplementary – Australia – Whistleblowing Laws in Europe: An international guide

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This article will focus primarily on whistleblowing protections in the private sector, but it also provides an overview on the systems in place in the public sector below.

Sweden - Whistleblowing Laws in Europe: An international guide

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Supplementary – United States – Whistleblowing Laws in Europe: An international guide

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There are many US federal statutes that prohibit employers in the private sector from retaliating against whistleblowers, many of which are sector or industry specific.

Anti-money laundering registration for art market participants: What you need to know

7 June 2021

The deadline for all "art market participants" to register with HMRC is 10 June 2021. This article explains the key obligations imposed by the MLRs 2017.

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Locking down market abuse

14 April 2021

The FCA has recently taken action against a number of individuals for market manipulation and insider dealing. This is a clear sign of the regulator re-focusing its attention on these offences, and is something that readers need be aware of to ensure they stay on the right side of the rules.

Representing individuals in interviews – the US perspective

30 March 2021

Determining whether to consent to an interview, and any interview itself, can be pivotal.

Compulsory Document Production Notices – Normal Service Resumed

11 February 2021

The UK Supreme Court has handed down a judgment in R (on the application of KBR, Inc) (Appellant) v Director of the Serious Fraud Office (Respondent) [2021] UKSC 2 that now states the SFO will not be able to cut corners in obtaining evidence located overseas nor make it any easier to prosecute companies.

Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 - a regional perspective

11 February 2021

Last week Transparency International launched the 2020 edition of its Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), which ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, according to experts and business people, using a scale of zero to 100 (100 being very clean and zero being highly corrupt).

Regulatory Enforcement and Privilege – Waiver, Content, Cherry-Picking

7 October 2020

Disclosing privileged documents under a limited waiver to regulators has the potential to attract cooperation credit when regulators decide on level of penalty or, indeed, whether to undertake enforcement proceedings or prosecution. There may also be benefits in relying on privileged material in any defence to regulatory enforcement or prosecution.

Protecting the attorney-client privilege while under quarantine: Five tips for protecting attorney-client privilege when using online collaboration tools

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With the increase in remote working comes an increased opportunity for attorney-client privilege issues to surface.

Top five factors for firms to consider when conducting remote investigations: new realities?

8 June 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many businesses to overhaul their working practices, as normal modes of working once taken for granted. These new modes of working raise novel practical issues with traditional investigative methods such as document collection/review and interviewing witnesses.

Top five UK anti-bribery and corruption risks to be aware of during the COVID-19 pandemic

22 May 2020

COVID-19 has created an unprecedented business landscape at a local, national and international level. Few businesses, if any, will escape unscathed. As with any economic crisis, the current situation presents an opportunity for bribery and corruption to thrive.

Top ten UK frauds to be aware of during the COVID-19 pandemic

22 May 2020

The COVID-19 outbreak has had an unprecedented effect on the world economy. The UK government has quadrupled its borrowing plans over the next three months with HM Treasury seeking to raise GBP180 billion in order to meet its spending needs as tax revenues plunge.

COVID-19: Using technology to address compliance

13 May 2020

How can compliance routines be improved in a time of social distancing via technology?

What compliance programs can do now to prepare for operations in the new COVID-19 reality

5 May 2020

Anticipating changes in the ABAC and compliance landscape to prepare for the lifting of social distancing mandates that have required non-essential businesses to close.

COVID-19: conducting internal investigations in remote work settings

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For companies conducting internal investigations or responding to an investigation, practical solutions in a time of distancing.

Corporate commitment to compliance helps bank avoid FCPA charges despite alleged \$4.5M bribery scheme

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The SEC's complaint provides insight into what made the compliance program so effective that the individual's former employer avoided government sanctions.

What COVID-19 could mean for the future of the Big Tech investigations

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Rather than hampering the investigations over the long term, the pandemic may open new lines of inquiry for antitrust investigators.

COVID-19: A breeding ground for corruption – monitoring key risks

10 April 2020

US regulators are reminding US businesses that a crisis situation does not excuse a failure to address increased risks of bribery and corruption.

SFO Operational Handbook - Evaluating a Compliance Programme

22 January 2020

On 17 January 2020, the UK Serious Fraud Office updated its Operational Handbook regarding Evaluating a Compliance Programme (the Handbook). The Handbook is an internal tool for SFO prosecutors, investigators, auditors, lawyers and compliance professionals that sets out standard processes, instructions and guidance on the conduct of SFO casework.

Preventive Medicine: Official “Antimonopoly Compliance Guidelines for Business Operators” in China

10 December 2019

On 28 November 2019, the State Administration of Market Regulation (SAMR) released for public comment draft “Anti-Monopoly Compliance Guidelines for Operators” (the “Draft Guidelines”). These non-binding guidelines recommend measures for “business operators” subject to the Antimonopoly Law (AML) to develop and implement antitrust compliance programmes. The Draft Guidelines integrate prevailing best practices for international compliance programmes, while reflecting the unique challenges of antitrust risk management in China.

Third parties: 4 FCPA takeaways for working with distributors

24 SEP 2014

Four key challenges and related “cures”

Events

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White Collar Crime, Investigations and Compliance Symposium

5 October 2021

Webinar

NEWS

Laura Ford recognised in GIR Women in Investigations 2021

20 May 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Laura Ford, a partner in the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice, has been named by Global Investigations Review in its list of Women in Investigations, 2021.

DLA Piper launches Aiscension to help detect and prevent cartel activity in collaboration with Reveal

15 March 2021

- New offering delivers cutting-edge technology from *Reveal* alongside DLA Piper's first-class legal know-how
 - Time and cost savings allow for companies to focus on detection
 - Faster, more effective and better value than traditional technology assisted and manual reviews
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