



## 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.

We are proud to be recognized by the *Global Investigations Review 2021* as a Top 30 Investigations firm globally.

## EXPERIENCE

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- 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.

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## RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

## INSIGHTS

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## Publications

### Episode 4 : The impact of modern slavery legislation on global organisations

6 September 2022

#### GLOBAL COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATIONS PODCAST

In this episode we discuss the key features of modern slavery legislation across the UK, AsiaPac and Australia. We specifically cover the requirements that organisations must meet across these regions, what the key differences are, and more.

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### Recalibrating its Focus: China Revises Filing Standards for Prosecuting White Collar Crimes

23 August 2022

China recently revised the filing standards for prosecuting an array of white-collar crimes. The revised standards halve the monetary thresholds for prosecuting crimes of offering or accepting bribes involving non-state functionaries. These revisions signal China's determination to crack down on bribery and corruption.

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### China's emerging data protection laws bring challenges for conducting investigations in China

25 July 2022

China has introduced a number of major data protection laws, including the Personal Information Protection Law and the Data Security Law. These new laws will pose significant challenges for companies when conducting or responding to investigations in China.

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### EU Whistleblower Directive: Implementation Tracker - Whistleblowing Laws in Europe: An international guide

Updated: July 2022

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### Anti-money laundering: Global perspectives and updates

30 June 2022

Governments around the world are more determined now than ever to curb illicit financing in all forms.

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### France strengthens its whistleblowing regime: Focus on 3 key changes

30 June 2022

The law not only transposes the EU whistleblowing directive into French law, strengthening the country's previous regime, but actually goes beyond the directive's requirements.

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### Germany: five key aspects multinationals should know about the Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption law

30 June 2022

While Germany's Anti-Bribery and Corruption Law resembles its UK and US counterparts, it also poses unique risks.

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## Morocco: 5 hot compliance topics

30 June 2022

In Morocco, the sanitary crisis has shaped the actions of regulators, who are paying particular attention to economic actors' compliance in five key areas.

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## Real estate transactions are FinCEN targets: far-reaching impact of two proposed rules

30 June 2022

The proposed rules are a reminder of this Administration's commitment to the fight against corruption and illicit finance in the US real estate market.

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## The Global Anti-Corruption Perspective, Q2 2022

30 June 2022

### [GLOBAL ANTI-CORRUPTION PERSPECTIVE](#)

Welcome to *The Global Anti-Corruption Perspective*. In this quarterly, we provide our perspective on the latest anti-corruption developments around the world, along with practical insights for those operating in the space.

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## Understanding how Thai law looks at bribery, gift-giving and appropriate controls

30 June 2022

Thailand's National Anti-Corruption Commission has issued guidelines for companies on internal control measures appropriate to prevent bribery; the country also regulates the giving of gifts or benefits to public officials.

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## The Global Crackdown on Money Laundering

15 June 2022

Governments and corporations in the world's major financial centres have long talked tough on anti-money laundering (AML), but their actions have not always shared the force of their words.

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## The Global Anti-Corruption Perspective, Q1 2022

23 February 2022

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## The Global Anti-Corruption Perspective, Q4 2021

5 October 2021

## GLOBAL ANTI-CORRUPTION PERSPECTIVE

Welcome to *The Global Anti-Corruption Perspective*, offering practical thoughts on complying with international bribery laws.

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### Managing Business Related and Personal Data

27 September 2021

With the introduction of the new Data Security Law and the Personal Information Protection Law (to come into effect on 1 November 2021), companies doing business in China may face more intense scrutiny on how business related and personal data are handled when conducting internal investigations in China.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### EU Whistleblower Directive: Key provisions, SOX comparison and Actions for business

June 2022

Recent scandals such as the Luxembourg Leaks financial scandal and the Panama Papers have highlighted the important role that whistleblowers can play in exposing breaches of EU law.

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### You can't have your cake and eat it too...

11 June 2021

In *Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions v Citigroup Global Markets Australia Pty Ltd* [2021] FCA 511, the Federal Court handed down an important reminder to in-house lawyers and legal advisers on legal professional privilege, finding conduct that was inconsistent with maintenance of confidentiality waived privilege - even when done with the best of intentions.

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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.

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### **Representing individuals in interviews – the US perspective**

30 March 2021

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

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### **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).

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### **Third parties: 4 FCPA takeaways for working with distributors**

24 SEP 2014

Four key challenges and related “cures”

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## **Events**

### **Upcoming**

#### **Corporate Crime, Compliance and Investigations Symposium 2022**

October 4 to October 27

Webinar

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### **Previous**

#### **Navigating China's new cross-border data transfer rules and responding to cyber and data incidents**

14 September 2022

Webinar

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#### **White Collar Crime, Investigations and Compliance Symposium**

5 October 2021

Webinar

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## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper named to *Global Investigation Review's* GIR 30 list of leading investigations practices**

11 November 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm has been named to *Global Investigations Review's* annual list of the 30 top investigations practices worldwide, reflecting its reputation as one of the top global law firms with broad experience in complex investigations.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper appoints new Head of Investigations for Asia**

20 April 2021

DLA Piper today announces it is strengthening its Southeast Asia Litigation and Regulatory practice with the addition of new partner Maurice Burke, who will serve as Head of Investigations for Asia and will be based in Singapore.

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### **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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