

FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS AND CRIMINAL FRAUD:

PREVENTION, MITIGATION AND DEFENCE

Hill Dickinson is a heavyweight in the niche area of fraud and financial crime.

The firm advises companies and individuals about all aspects of fraud, whether it be preventing it, mitigating its consequences, or defending allegations of it.

The regulatory environment has grown to such a large extent that companies and individuals now have a legal obligation to play their role in fighting crime. It is not an obligation that can be ignored: complacency and negligence can lead to a criminal conviction for employees and companies.

Prevention

What are your obligations under the Money Laundering Regulations 2007?

What is a Politically Exposed Person ("PEP")? What are the consequences of working for or with a PEP, and what are the penalties for getting it wrong?

What due diligence must you do on the parties in a corporate transaction?

Is an American or American company involved in a deal? If so, what effect does that have on you?

These are all questions that companies must ask themselves, and the answers often vary according to the particular set of facts of any situation or deal.

The right advice could not only mean the difference between financial success and failure, but also the reputation, career and liberty of individuals.

At Hill Dickinson we have Prosecutors and Higher Courts Advocates amongst our lawyers. We can see a set of facts from almost any law enforcement perspective, and advise accordingly.

Mitigation

If you or your company has been de-frauded, what can you do? Indeed, if you are a director, what do your duties to the company mean you must do?

Do you want to recoup your losses, hide the fraud from the public to protect reputation, make an example of someone to show a zero tolerance approach, or bring in the authorities to prosecute individuals?

Any of the above are amongst the options open to victims of fraud. At Hill Dickinson we have a leading civil and criminal fraud capacity.

We have conducted search and seizure raids on multi-sites simultaneously, we are leading advisers to insurance companies on fraud, and we have imposed restraint orders and returned fraudulently obtained funds to their rightful owners from all corners of the globe.

We can advise in relation to recovery actions against other interested parties such as banks, accountants and insurers.

The right advice equals the right bottom line, whichever angle you look at it from. We provide that.

Defence

White collar crime is topical. It is in the press, and it is in the minds of the various prosecuting authorities.

Individuals and companies are increasingly facing criminal prosecution, for matters including non-compliance with regulations, unwitting involvement in money laundering, corruption and fraudulent behaviour in business dealings.

The penalties can range from crippling fines to substantial terms of imprisonment.

Our criminal justice system is adversarial. Securing the correct advice early on can lead to the difference between an individual or organisation being charged or released without any further action.

Members of our team have acted for defendants in a number of high profile multi-million pound cases involving conspiracy to defraud, tax evasion and carousel fraud, and have been successful in the Court of Appeal.

Cases often involve a complex web of case law, legislation and international elements. They are not for the inexperienced.

For more information on how we can help you, please contact us - our details are on the reverse.

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About Hill Dickinson

Hill Dickinson offers a comprehensive range of legal services from offices in Liverpool, Manchester, London and Chester, and its associated firm Hill Dickinson International has offices in London and Greece. Collectively the firms have over 150 partners and a complement of more than 1000 staff.

Hill Dickinson is a major force in insurance and is well respected in the company and commercial arena. The firm's marine expertise is internationally renowned and it has one of the largest marine practices in the UK following a merger with Hill Taylor Dickinson on 1 November 2006. The firm has an award winning property practice and is widely regarded as a leader in the fields of commercial litigation, employment, intellectual property, NHS clinical/health related litigation and private client.

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