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Caroline Black is at the forefront of the corporate investigations field, acting as trusted advisor for over a decade to companies and individuals involved in the world's largest and most complex cases. She is a criminal defence lawyer and advises organisations, boards and audit committees on conducting investigations and interacting with relevant national authorities, including the UK Serious Fraud Office, National Crime Agency, H.M. Revenue & Customs and the police (and their overseas equivalents). Ms. Black focuses her practice on the investigation and defence of business crimes, particularly matters involving corruption, money laundering, fraud and tax concerns. She has practical experience of advising clients on how to manage raids on corporate and personal premises and how to respond to and defend criminal or regulatory prosecution (including during interviews under caution and subsequent proceedings).

Ms. Black uses her experience of investigating and defending organizations to maintain an active compliance and advisory practice. She assists national and international organizations to recognize corruption and financial crime risks within their businesses, and to design and implement effective compliance measures. Ms. Black also regularly undertakes regulatory M&A due diligence on behalf of multinational companies.

Who's Who Legal: Investigations 2019 has ranked Ms. Black in the "Future Leaders" category for partners, with clients stating that she is "impressive in her clear thinking approach to solving important issues". She stands out for her "resilience, pragmatism and professionalism" in anti-corruption investigations. She was also acknowledged by Euromoney's Expert Guides 2019 as an "Expert for White Collar Crime" in the UK.

Ms. Black is described as having "the ability to keep cool in complex and stressful situations" in The Legal 500 UK 2018 and was named as a "Rising Star" of litigation by Legal Week, 2016. She was also recognized as a "Rising Star" by London Superlawyers and has received awards for training and management. Ms. Black was listed in the 2015 edition of Global Investigations Review's "Women in Investigations", highlighting 100 remarkable women from around the world for their accomplishments in this area of law. Ms. Black is a member of the Fraud Lawyers Association, the Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association and the Female Fraud Forum.

EXPERIENCE

- Acting as a lead counsel for **the world's second largest manufacturing and engineering corporation** in its space, for all criminal investigations into allegations of fraud, bribery and corruption.
- Advising **large investment fund** in respect of allegations of corruption, involving investigations by UK NCA, US DoJ & SEC and related Parliamentary Inquiries.
- Advising **an international investment fund** in its investigation of wrongdoing and diversion of funds in various jurisdictions around the world by members of former management, interacting with relevant national enforcement agencies and the courts.
- Representing **a major global engineering, construction and services company** in a worldwide corruption investigation into the bribery of government officials in Nigeria involving interaction with the UK Serious Fraud Office and negotiation of one of the first civil settlements under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.
- Acting for **a defence contractor** in relation to an investigation of alleged bribery of foreign government officials by a third party intermediary.
- Acting for **a company and later its directors**, in respect of an alleged £1.8 million fraud against the NHS, including attendance and management of a raid of client premises by c .40 police officers.
- Acting for **a company and its directors** in respect of an alleged tax fraud, including attendance and management of a raid at client premises by H.M. Revenue & Customs and later prosecution.
- Advising **multinationals** on due diligence and compliance programmes including compliance with the UK Bribery Act, and testing of systems in accordance with requirements of US and UK regulatory guidance.

Includes matters handled at Dehcert or prior to joining the firm.

EDUCATION

- Nottingham Law School, LPC, 2000
- University of Birmingham, LL.B.

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **UK Bribery Act** - London (January 19, 2017)