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Anti-Corruption Compliance and Investigations > Appellate >
White Collar, Compliance and Investigations >

Tim Bowden is an experienced white-collar crime and investigations lawyer, with a practice focussed on international fraud, corruption and money laundering. He represents companies and individuals under investigation by and interacting with the Serious Fraud Office, Financial Conduct Authority, National Crime Agency, HMRC and their international counterparts. He also advises companies on the effectiveness of compliance policies and the application of anti-corruption, anti-money laundering and anti-tax evasion laws, including in M&A transactions.

Mr. Bowden has substantial experience in managing the expectations and demands of multiple parties in complex multi-jurisdictional investigations, and working collaboratively with other advisers.

Prior to joining Dechert, Mr. Bowden spent 12 years in practice at the independent bar. He was a Grade 4 prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service and served on the specialist panels for organised crime and complex fraud, and the Serious Fraud Office panel of prosecuting counsel. *Who's Who Legal: Investigations 2019* has identified Mr. Bowden as a "Future Leader", impressing clients with his "legal acumen and his ability to see problems from the standpoint of the regulator" and his "commitment to the client." He was recommended in the UK Legal 500 2015 as a leading barrister in fraud, noted as being "highly regarded for money laundering and POCA matters". He represented an international oil major in one of the UK's first investigations under the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007, and the subsequent criminal proceedings. He acted as independent

privilege counsel in a range of matters including international fraud and terrorism. His experience also includes prosecuting and defending in the full range of criminal offences, including murder, kidnapping, drug trafficking, armed robbery, and serious and historic sexual offences.

Mr. Bowden has substantial experience in appellate work, appearing on a diverse range of matters including the meaning of valuable consideration in relation to the tainted gift provisions of POCA, the admissibility of a murder conviction in a subsequent trial for murder; the extent of the right to interpretation under article 6; whether violent carjacking for the purpose of joyriding amounts to robbery; the limits of Sexual Offence Prevention Orders; and the admissibility of statements of absent reluctant witnesses under CJA 2003 section 114(1)(d). He appeared in a leading case limiting police powers of arrest, and in the leading authority on the appropriate level of credit for guilty pleas.

EXPERIENCE

- A **major aerospace and defence company** in its interactions with the Serious Fraud Office, Parquet National Financier and US Department of Justice
- A **high profile individual** subject to SFO investigation in relation to events in the 2008 banking crisis
- An **interested party** in confiscation proceedings arising out of international corruption
- **Potential suspects and witnesses** in long-running international corruption investigations

EDUCATION

- University of Sheffield, LL.B., 2001

ADMISSIONS

- Barrister, England and Wales

MEMBERSHIPS

- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Criminal Bar Association

- Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Midlands Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Tackling illicit finance: Political rhetoric or a new priority for law enforcement?**, 2nd Annual GIR Live London Winter - London (December 06, 2018)
- **Navigating issues in multi-jurisdictional corruption investigations in an aggressive U.S., UK and French enforcement landscape**, C5 Anti-Corruption France Conference - Paris (October 16 & 17, 2018)
- **HMRC Keynote Interview : Status Report on Enforcement Priorities of the Criminal Finance Act**, C5 Anti-Corruption London Conference, London (June 27, 2018)
- **Is your organisation ready to face a corruption or fraud allegation?**, Dechert Seminar - London (April 26, 2018)
- **The New Corporate Criminal Offence of Failure to Prevent the Facilitation of Tax Evasion – What it is and what it means for the Asset Management Industry**, Dechert Seminar - London (September 14, 2017)
- **UK Bribery Act**, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand - London (January 19, 2017)