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Services

White Collar, Compliance and Investigations >

Anti-Corruption Compliance and Investigations > Antitrust/Competition >

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Laura Manson focuses her practice on white collar criminal defence with an emphasis on large-scale, cross-border corporate investigations. She represents corporates and individuals in complex matters relating to bribery and corruption and is police station-accredited, also undertaking magistrates' court advocacy as required.

In addition to her white collar crime practice, Ms. Manson has extensive experience as a criminal solicitor representing publicly funded defendants in court. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated her commitment to furthering human rights causes and ease of access to legal aid. She worked on behalf of Young Legal Aid Lawyers in responding to government consultation on intended cuts to criminal legal aid, completed legal internships with human rights NGOs in the UK and Tanzania and participated in conservation work in Namibia and Zambia as a student. Ms. Manson has also participated in a number of education initiatives in London whose mission is to encourage students from diverse backgrounds to enter into the legal profession.

Ms. Manson has also acted on a number of pro bono instructions with a particular focus on LGBT issues, including advising an international human rights charity in efforts relating to the decriminalisation of homosexuality across the world. In one notable matter, she secured compensation for an individual who had suffered victimisation and abuse because of their sexuality and gender identity.

Prior to joining Dechert, Ms. Manson was an associate at another global law firm based in London.

EXPERIENCE

- **Operation Ghast, representing a defendant on trial** in connection with a multi-million pound MTIC fraud involving over 15 defendants and dozens of companies across various jurisdictions.
- **A former senior executive of a multi-national corporation** under criminal investigation in connection with a Serious Fraud Office investigation into cross-border bribery and corruption.
- **A former senior employee of a UK company** being interviewed under compulsion by the Serious Fraud Office in connection with an investigation into suspected bribery and corruption overseas.
- **A UK-listed company and its directors** in connection with a COP9 investigation by HMRC into suspected tax fraud.
- **A multi-national corporation** in connection with an investigation and self-report to the Serious Fraud Office arising from suspected cross-border bribery and corruption.
- **A global bank** in providing advice on regulatory compliance surrounding the 2017 Criminal Finances Act.

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

EDUCATION

- University of Sheffield, B.A., 2007, 2:1
- University of Sheffield, LL.M., 2009, 2:1
- BLP Manchester, Legal Practice Course, 2010, with Distinction

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

MEMBERSHIPS

- Young Fraud Lawyers Association

