

Fraud & White Collar Crime

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Turning conversation Into action

Fraud is big business



It costs the UK economy an estimated £100+ billion per year. And whilst it can take many forms, fraud almost always involves attempts to misappropriate assets or dishonestly gain a financial advantage.

A business or person faced with the occurrence of fraud or serious misconduct must deal with any number of commercial, legal and reputational issues. Our multi-disciplinary team of fraud, white collar crime and regulatory lawyers provides a comprehensive and responsive service to help you navigate the way forward.

We have extensive experience in conducting internal investigations, obtaining injunctive relief (including freezing and search orders) and pursuing and defending allegations of fraud and serious misconduct through both the civil and criminal legal process.

Our expertise in regulatory and disciplinary inquiries means we can also advise you if you or your business have been caught up in alleged wrongdoing and face an consequential investigation.

We understand the emotive and disruptive nature of fraud and approach this with pragmatic solutions, avoiding formal claims or prosecutions where possible to keep you out of the spotlight. We always weigh up the costs, risks and merits before advising you on the best strategy, guided at all times by your commercial and reputational needs.

A number of parties may need to be dealt with when a fraud occurs. We can advise you as to who to contact and in what order and to set a strategy for protecting your interests.



Services aligned To your needs

Our team of fraud and white collar crime specialists have substantive expertise in handling and advising on internal and regulatory investigations, obtaining urgent civil injunctions - such as freezing orders, search orders and disclosure orders – to protect and preserve assets and information, and bringing and defending civil and criminal fraud proceedings.

In addition to our extensive trial experience, we also deal regularly with mediations, out of court settlements and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.



Key services include:

- Anti-fraud policies
- Asset tracing
- Civil and criminal fraud claims
- Confidentiality breaches
- Contempt of court
- Cyber fraud (including authorised push payment/phishing scams)
- Deceit and fraudulent misrepresentation
- Dishonest director/employee claims
- Fraudulent insurance claims
- Injunctive relief and asset tracing
- Insolvency claims – including wrongful/fraudulent trading and transactions to defraud creditors
- Internal investigations
- Money laundering/proceeds of crime advice
- Private prosecutions
- Regulatory and other investigations (eg FCA, SFO, CMA)
- Reputation management

Experts in our field And yours

Our experience

➡ **Advising** a Dubai construction company on the recovery of over £1 million which had been misappropriated as a result of a cyber phishing fraud. Our work included successfully obtaining parallel disclosure orders from the High Court against two UK banks for information relating to the proceeds of the fraud and the identity of various account holders.

➡ **Advising** one of seven defendants in relation to a £65 million conspiracy to defraud claim brought by an offshore entity in relation to the purchase and subsequent auction/sale of a significant classic car collection.

➡ **Defending** Ultra High Net Worth individual from the United Arab Emirates (>5 billion USD) - with property interests throughout the United Kingdom and Europe - charged with a £2 million cheque fraud in a private prosecution at Southwark Crown Court.

➡ **Advising** a UK-based investment advisory and asset management firm on regulatory and compliance issues arising out of the fact that its ultimate beneficial owner and main investor had been convicted of serious criminal offences in the Middle East.

➡ **Advising** a regulated financial advisory firm on responding to a notice issued by the Police (pursuant to Section 2 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984) for the disclosure of information relating to the alleged misappropriation and/or misapplication of client funds by an individual IFA.

➡ **Advising** a major retailer on claims against a senior employee for systematic and sustained misuse of a company credit card for personal gain (resulting in losses to the business of several hundred thousand pounds).

Your team And ours



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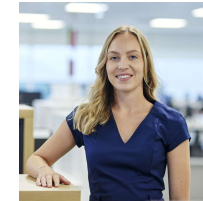
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Adam acts as the liaison between clients and debtors on proposals put forward to repay their liability. His responsibilities include writing court documents to pursue debtors for the amounts outstanding, and he is an expert in residential mortgage collections and litigation.

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Legal 500, 2021

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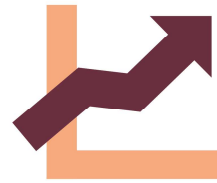
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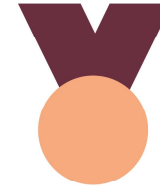
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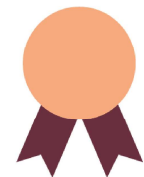
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- Shortlisted at the 2022 Drawdown Awards in the Technology: Regulatory & Compliance category
- Launched Retailers against Harassment Certification with the Retail Trust
- Ranked in Chambers and Legal 500



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