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Experienced in multi-jurisdictional investigations and prosecutions into tax offences, fraud and corruption.

Rachel works on a range of fraud, white-collar crime, tax enforcement and regulatory matters.

Rachel was listed as a key contact for tax in Legal 500 2017 and is a consultant editor of the Lloyds Law Review: Financial Crime series.

Rachel acts for companies and individuals investigated and/or prosecuted by UK and foreign authorities for tax irregularities. As well as criminal investigations, her experience includes the Contractual Disclosure Facility (also known as Code of Practice 9), where tax evasion is suspected by HMRC, advising on the corporate offence of failing to prevent the facilitation of tax evasion and assisting clients who are requested or compelled by HMRC to provide information and/or materials about a third party.

Rachel is currently acting in several bribery cases in which individuals are being investigated for the corruption of foreign (West African) public officials and she also acts for other public officials accused of being the recipient of bribes.

Increasingly prosecution agencies are utilising the court's powers of restraint and confiscation to secure and recover proceeds of crime. Rachel has experience acting for individuals in both restraint and confiscation proceedings.

Rachel has prepared clients for the eventuality of Unexplained Wealth Orders.

Rachel acts for a several individuals who are the subject of extradition requests from Category 1 and 2

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countries. Whilst she has significant experience acting for clients in extradition proceedings, Rachel also regularly makes successful representations to the Secretary of State, Home Office and Metropolitan Police Extradition Squad in order to defeat extradition requests without the need for a substantive hearing.

Rachel acts for a trader being prosecuted by the FCA for insider dealing. Rachel also advises regulated individuals subject to oversight and/or investigation by the FCA and assists individuals who are witnesses in FCA prosecutions. Rachel acted for a leading bank in a Libor investigation.

Rachel acts for a number of individuals subject to Interpol Red Notices. She has made representations to the Secretariat to the Commission for the Control of Interpol's Files and to National Central Bureaus, and has been successful in convincing Interpol to remove names from its database or to add a note to its file of the existence of political motivation in the requesting state.

Money laundering issues can arise in almost all white-collar cases and Rachel has acted for a number of individuals charged with this offence. She frequently advises individuals and corporates on compliance with money laundering regulations.

Rachel has successfully acted for individuals that are the subject of mutual legal assistance requests in the UK and/or abroad, including successful judicial reviews of the Secretary of State's decision to act on a request from a foreign state. She also has experience acting for legal and accountancy professionals subject to professional disciplinary proceedings.

Expertise

> Unexplained Wealth Orders

> Business Crime

> Corruption & Bribery

> Criminal Fraud

> Criminal Restraint & Confiscation

> FCA Investigations & Enforcement

> Money Laundering

> Tax Investigations & Prosecutions

> Extradition

> INTERPOL Red Notices

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Leading Cases

- > Representation of former managing director in first cartel prosecution for four years
- > Interpol recognises political motivation of Red Notice issued against Russian client
- > Advice and representation to witness in FCA investigation
- > Firm acts for major UK bank in relation to Libor rate fixing investigations in the UK, EU and US
- > Firm acted for immunity applicant in CMA investigation
- > Wiese v UK Border Agency [2012] EWHC 2549 (Admin)
- > Criminal proceedings avoided for former directors of a private group of companies subject to an HMRC tax investigation

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