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Practice Areas

White Collar Defense and Regulation, Criminal Defense, FCPA/Anti-Corruption, Internal Investigations, Regulatory Enforcement, Regulatory Compliance, Regional Practices, Africa Practice, Family Office Practice, Corporate, Litigation and Arbitration

Education

University College, Durham University (B.A., Law Hons 1990); Inns of Court School of Law, London (Bar Finals 1991)

Bar Admissions

England & Wales (Barrister)

John W. Gibson is a partner in the London office of Cohen & Gresser. He leads the firm's United Kingdom White Collar and Investigations practice. John's work focuses on complex economic crime, investigations, sanctions, and regulatory matters. He draws on over three decades of litigation and advisory experience, first as a trial lawyer in independent practice and then, for five years, as one of the most senior prosecutors and investigation managers in the Bribery & Corruption Unit of the UK's Serious Fraud Office (SFO).

At the SFO, John gained extensive knowledge of the financial, energy, and extractive industries. He had oversight of some of the most complex and challenging work ever undertaken by the SFO, including one of the largest economic crime investigations in UK law enforcement history. John was a valued public speaker for the SFO and engaged in a range of policy initiatives and consultations concerning the investigation and prosecution of serious economic crime.

John has been recognized as a "Top Recommended" Criminal Lawyer in the *Spear's 500* 2021 Legal Index and by *Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom* for fraud-related work. He is also recognized in *The Legal 500 UK's 2022* guide for Regulatory Investigations and Corporate Crime (Advice to Corporates), Fraud: White-Collar Crime (Advice to Individuals), and Commercial Litigation: Mid-Market and in *Chambers 2022* guide in the Financial Crime: High Net Worth Individuals - UK category. *The Legal 500* commentary notes that he "has terrific experience in the most high-profile and difficult cases" and that he "is an excellent lawyer with the ability to turn that knowledge into practical advice. He is very focused on getting things done for his client." The guide further notes that John "has had terrific experience in the most high profile and difficult cases." *Chambers* has called him "an astute criminal lawyer" who is "tenacious, well informed and capable of distilling large volumes of material and complex issues into practical, usable advice that helps to progress a matter." *Chambers* has further noted that John is "extremely thoughtful, careful and assertive."

John offers rare insight into the focus of UK law enforcement and financial regulation, sanctions designation and enforcement, engagement with regulators and prosecutors, and deployment of the correct litigation strategy to any given criminal, sanctions, or compliance issue. He has extensive experience with UK/US cooperation in economic crime investigations and sanctions designation and enforcement. He regularly works in matters concerning the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the United States. Additionally, John brings a thorough understanding of and experience with the white collar crime and regulatory environment in emerging markets, including the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Nigeria and other Sub-Saharan African countries, Switzerland, and British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.

John also has expertise in the management of big data investigations and litigation, the use of artificial intelligence (AI), legal privilege issues, internal investigations, self-reporting, cooperation with law enforcement, and leniency.

John practiced as a member of the Independent Bar at 36 Bedford Row (The 36 Group), from 1991 to 2014.

John is a graduate of the University College, Durham University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Law with Honors.

Activities and Affiliations

Member, International Bar Association, White Collar Crime and Oil & Gas Committees

Member, Fraud Lawyers Association