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#### Practice Areas

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

#### 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 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, and regulatory matters. He draws on almost 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 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. 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. *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."

John offers rare insight into the focus of UK law enforcement and financial regulation, what matters when engaging with regulators and prosecutors, and how to properly deploy the correct litigation strategy to any given criminal or compliance issue. He has extensive experience with UK/US cooperation in economic crime investigations. He regularly works with 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 in Barrister's Chambers in London, 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