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FCPA/Anti-Corruption

Our lawyers have worked on some of the largest and most significant FCPA matters in recent years as counsel to companies, individuals, and independent board committees. The firm's FCPA team is comprised of former prosecutors, including a former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York who prosecuted a leading FCPA case involving a bribery scheme in Azerbaijan, and several lawyers from top-tier big firms with broad-ranging FCPA experience, including the representation of Siemens AG in the largest-ever FCPA internal and regulatory investigation.

In addition to our extensive experience with FCPA investigations, our lawyers serve as trusted advisors to clients on FCPA matters and related issues. They have led due diligence reviews and provided compliance advice and training for multinational companies across a wide spectrum of industries including engineering, energy, consumer products, financial services, and construction. In FCPA matters, as in our White Collar Defense & Regulation practice generally, our goal is always to advance our clients' objectives through thoughtful and practical counseling, vigorous advocacy, and timely, efficient, and favorable resolution of any investigation.

Our European and U.S. offices frequently work together in assisting clients in cross-border investigations led by the U.S. Department of Justice. Our Paris team also represents clients before the French anti-corruption agency (AFA - Agence Française Anticorruption).

Investigations

Represented Siemens AG in the largest-ever FCPA internal and regulatory investigation. This representation involved participation in a complex, worldwide review of alleged corrupt payments and books and records violations, including representation before U.S. and foreign regulatory and criminal authorities.

Represented one of the world's largest consumer products and manufacturing corporations in a wide-ranging FCPA investigation in India.

Represented two energy companies in FCPA investigations relating to their operations in several countries in West Africa.

Represented a power distribution unit of a multinational corporation in an FCPA investigation in Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

Represented an engineering and construction company in an investigation relating to potential FCPA violations in the Middle East.

Represented a foreign real estate and investment corporation and its U.S. subsidiary in an FCPA spin-off of a U.S. criminal fraud investigation.

Represented a U.S.-based firearms manufacturer in an internal investigation of possible FCPA violations.

Conducted investigations for the audit committee of a foreign telecommunications company into potential FCPA violations by its employees, including the bribery of government officials.

Represented the audit committee of a transportation company in a major FCPA internal investigation arising out of its bus sales in Angola.

Represented a subject of a DOJ investigation of alleged FCPA violations involving the purchase and development of property in Canada by an Italian company.

Due Diligence

Led FCPA and anti-corruption due diligence for an energy company on an acquisition target in Mexico.

Led FCPA and anti-corruption due diligence for a mining company on an acquisition target in West Africa.

Compliance Advice and Training

Spearheaded compliance counseling and training seminars for a diverse range of multinational companies and financial services firms, including a technology company, a private equity firm, a food and beverage company, and an environmental abatement products company.

Advised a hedge fund on potential FCPA issues concerning a possible investment by a Sovereign Wealth Fund.

Provided FCPA counseling for an international quick service restaurant chain, including drafting an anti-corruption compliance policy, a due diligence questionnaire for FCPA compliance, and model contract provisions for use in contracting with foreign entities.

Represented a major sports league in FCPA compliance counseling.

Reviewed and revised compliance policies and procedures for Fortune Global 100 consumer products company and provided training to senior management and employees in foreign field offices.

Significant Prosecution in the U.S. Attorney's Office

United States v. Viktor Kozeny and Frederic Bourke. One of the firm's attorneys served as a lead prosecutor in an FCPA case involving a bribery scheme in connection with a state-run privatization program in Azerbaijan, which resulted in the conviction of Frederic Bourke in July 2009 in one of the few FCPA cases ever tried.