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BIOGRAPHY

Rhys is a Partner in our Financial Services Disputes and Investigations practice group. He is experienced in advising large financial institutions and corporates on a wide range of complex litigation and regulatory proceedings.

Rhys regularly advises clients in relation to banking litigation matters in both the retail and investment banking spheres. He also has significant experience of multi-party litigation, including in bringing and defending shareholder proceedings pursuant to s.90/90A FSMA.

In the contentious regulatory field, Rhys has acted for clients on a number of substantial FCA investigations and has spent time on secondment to the in-house global investigations team of a major international bank. In addition, he has advised clients in relation to the set up and operation of various high profile regulator-backed compensation schemes.

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The FCA has today published a further consultation paper (CP24/2 (Part 2)) in relation to its 'naming and shaming' proposals (the "Updated Consultation"). The publication follows widespread industry criticism of the FCA's initial proposals published in February 2024 (the "Original Proposal"), and an intense grilling earlier this month of the FCA's Nikhil Rathi and Ashley Alder before the House of Lords Financial Services Regulation

Committee over the proposals. The FCA has, as anticipated, significantly watered-down its Original Proposal in the Updated Consultation and has also provided some case studies to demonstrate how its revised proposals might have applied to past investigations. So, what does this all mean and what happens now?

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