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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Samantha is a skilled lawyer with extensive private practice and in-house experience of handling complex, multi-jurisdictional regulatory and criminal investigations, English and overseas litigation, and related advisory work.

Samantha brings this experience to her role as BCLP's Principal Knowledge Development Lawyer for the Financial Services Disputes and Investigations Practice Group and the White Collar team. Her role includes providing legal knowledge, training and thought leadership, as well as promoting particular capabilities to existing and potential clients. She also assists the teams with strategy, development and innovation initiatives.

Before joining BCLP, Samantha worked for a number of years in the Financial Services Litigation team at another international law firm, where her experience included acting on a long-running

multi-jurisdictional investigation in relation to LIBOR for a well-known bank.

Samantha then moved in-house, serving as Senior Counsel in the Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement team at an international investment bank. Her in-house experience includes taking a lead role in the handling of investigations into allegations of misconduct relating to foreign exchange benchmarks, transaction monitoring in connection with sanctions, and suspicious transactions raising anti-money laundering concerns.

She has experience across the full lifecycle of regulatory and criminal investigations by multiple regulators and prosecutors, from initial discharge of investigations through to outcome and full remediation. She also has experience handling follow-on and related employment and civil litigation in various jurisdictions.

## EMERGING THEMES 2025

### Creating Connections

2025 marks the 15th edition of Emerging Themes in Financial Regulation & Disputes. This year, our overarching theme is Creating Connections, examining three main pillars: **Technology**, **Transparency**, and **Trust**.

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## **The FCA's updated 'naming and shaming' proposals**

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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## **The PRA's and FCA's proposals to reduce restrictions on banking bonuses**

Yesterday the PRA and FCA published PRA consultation paper 16/24 / FCA consultation paper 24/23 – Remuneration reform, containing proposals for significant changes to the remuneration regime. The UK's current remuneration regime was developed as part of a response to the 2008 global financial crisis, for which excessive and short-term risk taking in the banking sector was held partially responsible. These new proposed changes are aimed at streamlining the regulatory framework, enhancing individual accountability, and bolstering the UK's international competitiveness. We consider the key proposals and their implications for financial services clients.

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## **Managing technology supply chains**

The FCA, PRA, and Bank of England have published their finalised critical third party (CTP) rules (and accompanying guidance) in PS24/16 Operational resilience: Critical third parties to the UK financial sector.[1]The new rules, which come into force on 1 January 2025, will see designated technology providers whose failure is deemed to pose a systemic risk to the UK financial system become subject to new principles-based, outcomes-focused rules and requirements overseen by the financial services regulators. This is timely given the increasing trend in third-party related incidents affecting operational resilience at financial services firms. On 31 October, the FCA published its "lessons for operational resilience" following its review of the financial services sector's response to the recent CrowdStrike outage, which noted that third-party related issues were the leading cause of operational incidents reported to ...

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## **The FCA's commitment to "test and use" its powers pays off in FCA v BlueCrest Capital**

The recent decision by the Court of Appeal in FCA v BlueCrest Capital Management [2024] reverses the Upper Tribunal's decision in BlueCrest Capital Management (UK) LLP v FCA [2023].

