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BIOGRAPHY

Mukul Chawla KC is a highly prominent fraud and white collar crime lawyer with over three decades of experience both defending and prosecuting high profile complex cases. He represents clients (both companies and individuals) on a wide range of corporate crime matters including fraud, bribery and corruption, money laundering, sanctions and export control, tax and antitrust allegations.

From 2016 to 2018, Mukul acted as lead counsel to the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) on its largest investigation – a multi-jurisdictional, multi-defendant investigation into suspected bribery by Unaoil and a range of other companies. He had previously been lead counsel instructed by the SFO investigating LIBOR manipulation and conducted the first LIBOR manipulation prosecutions in the world.

On the defence side, Mukul was lead counsel for the defendant in the first ever contested prosecution of a corporate for the “failure to prevent” offence under the Bribery Act 2010 in early 2018. He has also appeared in court for clients in fraud, bribery and insider dealing cases and has advised clients across the spectrum of white collar allegations. More recently he has appeared in International Arbitration cases where allegations of illegality were being pursued.

He was named as Crime Silk of the Year by Chambers and Partners in 2015.

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales (barrister)

RELATED CAPABILITIES

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FCA's thinly veiled warning to challenger and traditional retail banks over financial crime risk

On 22 April 2022, the FCA published the findings of its review of financial crime controls at six relatively new and primarily digital challenger banks that all offer similar products to traditional retail banks. These six banks represent over 50% of the relevant challenger firms and the FCA's review covered over 8 million customers. The scope is potentially much wider than this would suggest: the FCA expressed its view that "there [are] limited differences in the inherent financial crime risks faced by challenger banks, compared with traditional retail banks." This makes the review essential reading for anyone involved in mitigating the risk of financial crime in retail banking. Here are our key take away points.

Insights

Mar 17, 2022

Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022 ushers in the new overseas entities register with some late amendments of note

The draft Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill, published on 28 February 2022 and following an expedited passage through Parliament, received Royal Assent on 15 March 2022 to become the Act. Some of the provisions on the imposition of sanctions are in force straight away, including the streamlined process for making sanctions regulations and the urgent designation of persons by name or description, with the remainder of the Act (notably, introducing the overseas entities register and amendments relating to proceeds of crime legislation) due to enter into force on a day to be appointed by regulations. The Act impacts overseas owners' holdings of UK land since January 1999, and requires disclosures by an overseas entity of UK land transactions from 28 February 2022. We would recommend that those impacted prepare and implement compliance arrangements straight away.

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Government expedites legislation on a register of overseas entities that own UK property in its Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill 2022

As part of its response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, HM Government intends to fast-track the long-awaited Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill. The Bill requires overseas entities to register with, and provide details of their beneficial owners to, UK Companies House before the overseas entity can be registered as the legal owner of UK land. Based on the draft Registration of Overseas Entities Bill (published and consulted on in

July 2018 and originally intended to go live in 2021) implementation is now expected to proceed at pace once the Bill becomes law.