REGULATION, COMPLIANCE & ADVISORY

OVERVIEW

We take a proactive approach with our clients to help them identify and manage the broad range of legal and regulatory risks that they are exposed to, both domestically and internationally across the US, the UK, continental Europe, the UAE, Singapore and Hong Kong SAR.

Our client teams involve specialists across a wide range of disciplines, to help design and implement compliance programs, systems and controls to manage the risks that they face – spanning financial regulation, antitrust, corporate governance, tax, health & safety, anti bribery and corruption, anti money laundering, sanctions and export control, international trade, market abuse surveillance, public procurement, whistleblowing and employment, utilities regulation, food law, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, data protection, intellectual property, gaming and licensing.

The standards and expectations of regulators and law enforcement agencies are constantly evolving and it is critical for corporates to keep up to date with important changes. In addition to providing regular legal updates and training seminars to our clients, we utilize and share with our clients the lessons learned from investigations and enforcement proceedings so that they get early visibility on new priorities and developments of relevant authorities in areas of governance, compliance and risk management.

We draw on lawyers across the US, Europe, the Middle East and Asia to track changes in rules and requirements to ensure that our clients remain compliant and fully aware of the standards expected of them.

Clients tell us that they value our approach because we focus on preventative advice and early issue-spotting, and designing solutions that avoid unnecessary disruption to the business.
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EXPERIENCE
Our team was instructed in connection with a review of a bank’s proposed systems and procedures to combat money laundering across 18 jurisdictions involving 20 different regulators.

We assisted one of the largest, multinational retailers in the world to design and implement a new compliance and ethics function. In this role we created a comprehensive “compliance blueprint” for the client and drafted various related policies and procedures (anti-bribery; gifts & entertainment; internal investigations; whistleblowing; etc.). We also created and advised upon the implementation of specific risk registers and gift registers and provided training sessions to the client’s key personnel.

We advised a leading technology company in relation to compliance with the new corporate criminal offences of failure to prevent the facilitation of tax evasion under the Criminal Finances Act 2017. BCLP were instructed to perform risk assessments and to assist the client in preparing presentations to the Board.

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