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Peter Ratliff



"Approachable, calm, confident and a pleasure to work with."

(Legal 500 2019 - Fraud)

"A tremendous advocate."

(Chambers and Partners 2019)

Peter is a highly regarded and sought after practitioner with a busy advisory and court practice. Peter specialises in complex casework, and investigations into business and corporate crime. He regularly advises multinational companies and company directors on matters arising from civil and criminal litigation. He has appeared for the Defence and Prosecution in many high profile criminal cases, and is ranked as a Leading Junior in Chambers and Partners and Legal 500.

Corporate Crime and Investigations

Peter has a breadth of experience of advising on corporate criminal matters. Peter represented News UK in respect of investigations into phone hacking and corruption. He is currently instructed by a leading American law firm to represent a FTSE 100 listed corporate suspect in a high-profile SFO investigation. Peter is currently instructed by the SFO to advise in respect of two major corporate investigations.

Peter has particular experience of advising and representing individual suspects and parties to SFO investigations pre-charge.

Peter has specific expertise in protecting the rights of companies to legal professional privilege, commercially sensitive, journalistic source and private data in circumstances where they are the subject of investigation. He has represented major UK Plcs in this regard. Peter represented a well-known firm of solicitors in resisting the execution of a warrant which purported to permit the Metropolitan Police to seize notes of conferences and proofs of evidence created between the solicitors and clients and witnesses.

Fraud

Peter has extensive experience defending allegations of fraud brought by the Serious Fraud Office, HMRC, the Department of Trade and Industry.

Peter recently secured the acquittal after trial of a defendant charged in respect of Operation Incubus, a significant investigation into tobacco smuggling. He secured the only acquittal of a defendant charged in respect of the DWP's largest investigation into fraud on the benefits system.

Peter was instructed as sole Junior in respect of the SFO's widespread and complex investigation into criminality at Torex Retail Plc, and advised as to corporate liability, the appropriate scope of the investigation and charges. Peter was led in the two subsequent trials which resulted in the conviction for offences of conspiracy to defraud of 5 of 6 company directors.

Criminal Litigation

Peter has considerable experience in representing the Defence and Prosecution in high profile and serious cases. He is currently a Junior Treasury Counsel. He was instructed, together with Duncan Penny QC, by the Director of Public Prosecutions of the Cayman Islands to prosecute the country's first Premier for offences of misconduct in a public office.

Media and Information Law

Peter represents a number of media clients, including Universal Pictures UK and the Northern and Shell Media Group, and has expertise in advising on libel, defamation, privacy and copyright.

Peter represented the interests of a number of individuals in respect of the investigations into corruption of public officials (Operation Elvedon) and telephone hacking (Operation Weeting). He has particular experience in dealing with special and excluded material sought by prosecuting authorities, including journalistic source material.

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