



# CORPORATE AND BUSINESS CRIME

Financial crime has plagued the government for a very long time and is therefore very high on the list of areas to tackle. There has never been such an array of powers and legislation to regulate the way in which companies operate and the authorities are under pressure to use these tools and prosecute companies and officers for any apparent wrong doing.

As corporate entities are visible and readily accessible they have unfortunately borne the brunt of the most recent legislation and been the 'soft' target of what have been interpreted as criminal investigations.

While not all investigations lead to a criminal prosecution they can be lengthy and costly.

Directors may find themselves personally liable for wrong doing committed during the course of the business and companies face large fines and potential reputational damage.

Our Criminal and Regulatory Investigations team has significant experience in defending and representing companies and individuals from the outset that are under investigation by:

- The Financial Conduct Authority;
- Serious Fraud Office;
- HM Revenue & Customs;
- National Crime Agency;
- Department of Business Innovation and Skills;
- Crown Prosecution Service.

Investigations can cover a multitude of areas including:

- Fraud;
- Bribery and corruption (Bribery Act 2010);
- Money laundering (Proceeds of Crime Act);
- Financial misconduct;
- False advertising / marketing.

MTG offers a completely bespoke service to protect the particular interests of you and your company. We make it our priority to protect from reputational damage by working to keep your matters out of the public eye. We are also able to offer services in respect of the relatively new principle of Deferred Prosecution Agreements (DPAs).

MTG are able to offer a service where we are able to balance the needs of the client whilst dealing with any regulatory or criminal investigations. Our experience allows us to understand the nature of the investigation from the outset and to advise clients immediately as to a way forward.

MTG are able to provide guidance in the event that your premises are subjected to an investigation.

The following are available for you to download on our website as an initial guide:

1. What to do if the authorities raid your premises
2. The Dawn Raid Manual

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