

ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION SEMINAR

7 - 11 September 2020

The opening week of our virtual Annual Corporate Compliance Conference will focus on anti-bribery and corruption. The week will kick-off with representatives from our London, New York and Washington, DC offices exploring major developments and trends in the UK and the US, including how the COVID pandemic has impacted on-going investigations and enforcement priorities. In the UK, the SFO has had a number of enforcement successes in the past 12 months, securing high-profile corporate DPAs whilst experiencing further challenges in the prosecution of individuals and taking further steps to rationalise its case pipeline and focus its resources. In the US, we have seen continued aggressive enforcement activity, as well as further instances of the DOJ updating its enforcement policies. We also see increased international cooperation between the UK, US and other agencies, notably the record-breaking €3.6 billion global settlement with Airbus SE in January 2020.

The second session will focus on trends and developments in higher risk markets, with speakers from our Abu Dhabi, Hong Kong, London and Moscow offices giving practical tips on how to manage risks in markets in Africa, Asia, the CIS and the Middle East.

Later in the week we will be hosting two panel sessions. The first will explore anti-bribery and corruption challenges during the M&A process, and we will be joined by colleagues from our Corporate team to give attendees practical guidance on managing and mitigating risks prior to, during, and after the transaction process. In our second panel, speakers from Baker McKenzie and representatives of the in-house community will explore the impact of the COVID pandemic on compliance risks and mitigation tools. As companies navigate their way through these unprecedented times and consider new opportunities, markets, and suppliers in response to the crisis, compliance and legal teams will need to be alert to ensure the continuation of a robust compliance culture and that their compliance policies and controls are fit for purpose.

Both in the lead up to and during the week, we will be publishing a series of articles, blog posts and video blogs on our centralised Corporate Compliance Content Hub.

Agenda

Tuesday 8 September	Latest Anti-Bribery and Corruption Developments in the UK and US
2.00 - 3.00 pm BST	
Wednesday 9 September	Key Risks and Emerging Enforcement Trends in Higher-Risk Markets
2.00 - 3.00 pm BST	
Thursday 10 September	Need for Speed: Identifying and Cleansing Compliance Risks in M&A
2.00 - 3.00 pm BST	
Thursday 10 September	The Impact of the COVID Pandemic on Compliance Risks and Mitigation Tools
3.45 - 4.45 pm BST	