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Mark Hunting is a solicitor-advocate specializing in corporate criminal and regulatory matters including both advisory and contentious matters relating to fraud, bribery and corruption, money laundering, financial and trade sanctions, export controls and financial institution trading regulations. He has significant experience advising on and conducting internal investigations and dealing with prosecutors and government bodies in external investigations.

Mark also has experience in relation to health and safety prosecutions and advisory matters, particularly in relation to oil and gas facilities and offshore operations.

As part of his non-contentious practice Mark regularly advises on compliance diligence in complex transactions, and on compliance programmes including policies, procedures, controls and training.

From June 2016 to May 2023, Mark was a member of the in-house legal team at bp PLC, serving as managing counsel – competition and regulatory compliance from July 2020 to June 2023. In that role, he advised the global bp group on all compliance, regulatory, investigations and enforcement matters.

Mark began his legal career in the London offices of two international law firms and served as a magistrate judge for North London from 2009 to 2019.

Industries

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Practices

[Government Enforcement & Investigations](#)

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Experience

White Collar / Regulatory

SFO

- represented various clients in connection with investigations, prosecutions and settlement discussions with the UK Serious Fraud Office*

DOJ/SEC/CFTC

- represented various clients in connection with investigations by US federal criminal and civil regulators, including parallel proceedings

Fraud investigation

- conducted an internal investigation into procurement and cost recovery oil fraud at a National Oil Company

Internal investigations

- conducted a wide range of internal investigations into bribery and corruption, money laundering, sanctions violations, health and safety violations, and export control violations for various clients across the energy sector

Sanctions

- advised an oil major on all financial and trade sanctions matters relating to its exit from Russia, and other business related to Russia, following the Russian invasion of Ukraine*

Compliance programmes

- acted for a wide range of clients: conducting risk assessments, designing and implementing compliance programmes, including training, communication plans, drafting policies and procedures, and programmatic testing

Transactional due diligence

- conducted transactional due diligence into compliance matters for a range of clients in the energy and financial services sectors

Reporting obligations to FCA, OFSI and NCA

- advised multiple clients in relation to reporting sanctions and money laundering concerns to the FCA, OFSI and NCA*

Private equity

- represented various private equity clients and portfolio companies in relation to compliance programmes and transactional diligence*

Pro-active reviews

- conducted proactive reviews into corruption and bribery compliance for various organisations in the energy and pharmaceutical sectors*

Major bank

- advised a major bank on updating money laundering controls, including designing new onboarding procedures and training staff*

Health and Safety

7/7 Bombing Inquest

- represented families of victims in the 7/7 London Bombings Inquests*

Corporate homicide

- represented a major energy company in relation to a prosecution for corporate homicide arising from a health and safety failure, including associated inquest and civil claims*

Health and safety prosecution

- advised on dredging and navigational safety matters for a strategic UK oil storage site*

HSE prosecution

- advised an oil major in relation to a prosecution for a refined product storage tank leak into a local waterway*

Litigation and Judicial Review

Mass-tort litigation

- represented an oil major in relation to a group action arising from an oil pipeline leak: The Bomu-Bonny Oil Pipeline Litigation*

Private prosecution

- brought a private prosecution against a large real estate company for harassment*

Tobacco company

- advised major tobacco company in relation to judicial reviews of UK government decisions on display bans and plain packaging and matters relating to privilege*

Pro Bono

Victims of violent crime

- represented various individuals in claims before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority, securing thousands of pounds of compensation for the victims of serious crime*

Victims of domestic violence

- assisted various victims of domestic violence in securing non-molestation and occupation orders to exclude violent partners from family homes*

Joint enterprise murder

- assisted a convicted murderer in having his case reviewed by the Criminal Cases Review Commission*

* Work completed prior to Bracewell

Credentials

Education

- BPP Law School, UK, L.P.C., 2009, *with distinction*
- University of Cambridge, England, M.A., Law, 2008

Bar Admissions

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Languages

- Hungarian — upper intermediate

Recognition

The Legal 500 United Kingdom

- Projects, Energy and Natural Resources – Oil & Gas, 2025

Resources

The Race to Report: DOJ Announces Pilot Whistleblower Program

Update

The ENRC Saga – Not Just a UK Concern

Blog Post

Beyond Whistleblowing: Additional Highlights From the Department of Justice at the 2024 ABA White Collar Conference

Update

OFAC Expands Recordkeeping Requirements, Mandates Electronic Filings

Update

Greenwashing: Emerging Compliance and Cross-Border Legal Risks

Blog Post

Fifty Shades of Green? ESG Pressure vs the Risk of Greenwashing

Article

Digging for Trouble: The Double-Edged Sword of Decisions to Report Misconduct

Update

Forced Enforcement? The Fine Line in the CFTC's Approach to Market Manipulation

Keeping an Eye on AI: DOJ Updates its Playbook for Corporate Compliance

Update

What Did I Miss? Key UK Sanctions Updates From Q3-4 2024

Article

New Offense Expands Liability for Corporate Enviro Fraud

Article

Project Finance Deals and Compliance Risks

Article

Biden Administration Issues Sweeping Salvo of Sanctions Against the Russian Energy Sector

Update

Your Liability for Fraud: Are You Looking the Right Way?

Article

Compliance: The UK Perspective

Article

Post Liberation Day — “Secondary Tariffs” Raise Costs Even Higher for International Actors

Update

US Halt on Foreign Anti-Corruption Enforcement Prompts New European Taskforce

Update

Extension of Corporate Criminal Liability in the United Kingdom

Article

DOJ’s New FCPA Investigations and Enforcement Guidelines: How Organizations Need to Respond

Update

Publications & Speeches

- "Extension of Corporate Criminal Liability in the United Kingdom," *Westlaw Today*, Thomson Reuters, May 29, 2025.
- "New Offense Expands Liability for Corporate Enviro Fraud," *Law360*, November 20, 2024.
- "Fifty Shades of Green? ESG Pressure vs the Risk of Greenwashing," *ThoughtLeaders4 Disputes Magazine*, June 2024.