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Profile

"We in the commercial sphere value someone who can turn things around in short order when there's a high volume of material and pressure from the clients to get advice out quickly. Miranda is a wise head, and a calm and considered person under pressure."
(Chambers UK)

"Sought out to advise corporations implicated in financial crime" and recommended by the legal directories as a Leading Junior in financial crime, financial crime (corporates), general crime and investigations, Miranda has a wide range of experience as a criminal practitioner. Specialising in business and corporate crime, she is particularly renowned for her ability to master substantial and complex cases.

Recognition



Expertise

Corporate Crime and Investigations

Miranda has unparalleled experience in relation to business and corporate crime. She represented Rolls-Royce in the deferred prosecution agreement proceedings (led by David Perry QC and leading Katherine Hardcastle) and advised News Group Newspapers Limited and News UK in respect of the phone hacking and misconduct allegations (which concluded with no criminal proceedings being brought against either company). Since acting for BAE Systems Plc in respect of the proceedings brought by the Serious Fraud Office, Miranda has advised other household names from the manufacturing, pharmaceutical and financial services sectors in respect of allegations of corruption and other aspects of business crime. She led an internal investigation into allegations of corrupt behaviour by employees of a FTSE 100 company and has been instructed on behalf of two major high-street banks to advise on matters relating to fraud, Financial Services and Markets Act and Companies Act offences. Miranda also has experience of advising individuals in connection with cartel offences and the leniency provisions.

Cybercrime

Miranda has experience of advising companies in respect of 'cybercrime' offences, committed in the context of industrial espionage and by present and former employees. She has advised, amongst other matters, in respect of offences relating to the obtaining, transfer and destruction of confidential data and also with regard to counter-surveillance measures.

General Crime

Miranda is also recognised as a Leading Junior in general crime. She has been led both for the Prosecution and for the Defence in numerous homicide cases, including those of unusual factual and/or legal complexity. As sole advocate, she has successfully represented individuals accused of rape, serious offences of violence and driving offences involving fatalities, amongst other matters. She also represented the four Uber drivers who were privately prosecuted by the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association in connection with the dispute about whether the Uber App amounted to a taximeter for the purposes of the legislation. She also has considerable experience of prosecuting: this includes prosecuting both single and multiple defendants accused of a range of offences including child cruelty, sexual offences, offences of serious violence and robbery.

Fraud

In fraud, Miranda is recognised as a Leading Junior. Having been instructed early in her practice in commercial litigation between Sumitomo and Credit Lyonnais Rouse, she was instructed subsequently by the Serious Fraud Office in one of its largest investigations into a multi-million pound, multi-jurisdictional fraud within the metal trading industry. The case involved calling defendants convicted in the US, who had co-operated under formal agreements with the US Department of Justice, as prosecution witnesses. This has given Miranda a unique understanding of the US system regarding co-operating witnesses, plea bargaining and sentencing. Miranda is on the Serious Fraud Office's Panel of Counsel (List A).

Restraint

Miranda has both prosecuted and defended in cases of money laundering and has experience of advising in relation to suspicious activity reports. She has experience of appeals against forfeiture orders made under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and of complex confiscation hearings.

Inquests

Having acted on behalf of a number of the senior police officers at the inquest into the death of Jean Charles de Menezes, Miranda has experience both of Article 2 and non-Article 2 compliant inquests and has represented the interests of families of the deceased as well as those of persons whose behaviour might be criticised.

Independent Counsel

Miranda has been instructed by the Financial Services Authority, the Serious Fraud Office and the Jersey Law Officer's Department as Independent Counsel to review material and determine whether it is subject to legal professional privilege.

Appointments

- Serious Fraud Office Panel of Counsel (List A)

Education

- University of Manchester, BA (Hons) (First Class)
- PDipL (Distinction)