

RPC

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Whether you are facing an investigation by a prosecutor, or launching an internal investigation, our experienced team provides support at every stage of the process.

We can help to guide you through all types of complex, challenging and multi-jurisdictional regulatory/financial crime matters, and help you address the legal and reputational risks involved.

We can help you conduct your own internal investigation and work alongside your in-house counsel and compliance teams to provide additional support and advice to compliment your internal processes, offering strategic advice and assistance.

Our expertise

Our Investigations team has a unique combination of experience gained in private practice, senior in-house roles and whilst employed by numerous regulators and government agencies.

We are trusted by leading global businesses, including Fortune 500 and FTSE 100 companies across a range of sectors, to advise and support them in conducting internal investigations, dealing with prosecutors and regulators, managing compliance risks, and developing robust and effective systems and controls. We have worked with clients under investigation by numerous agencies, including the Serious Fraud Office, the National Crime Agency, the Financial Conduct Authority, His Majesty's Revenue and Customs, Financial Reporting Council, Information Commissioner's Office, Crown Prosecution Service and the Police.

Our cross-border experience is extensive. Members of our team have advised clients in connection with US Department of Justice investigations and prosecutions, along with matters that have involved issues across Europe, Asia, South America, the Middle East and the Russian Commonwealth. As a TerraLex member, RPC also enjoys access to a global network

of over 130 of the most trusted local law firms to provide a truly global solution for our international client base.

Firmwide collaboration

Collaboration runs through the heart of RPC, both in our interaction with clients and the way we work internally.

Depending on the nature of the investigation, we can draw on a diverse range of expertise across the firm to structure a multidisciplinary team to assist and support you. We have built up our practice to meet the growing needs of our corporate clients enabling us to provide a "one-stop shop" for legal advice when they suddenly find themselves in the glare of a regulator's spotlight. By bringing together regulatory expertise across financial crime, tax investigations, sanctions, customs and export control, data privacy, Mutual Legal Assistance, cyber security, employment and health and safety, we have become a trusted legal advisor for businesses facing investigation from regulatory and enforcement agencies. Collaboration across different teams and departments helps bring the best out of everyone, and our cross-practice approach ensures we are able to provide the most effective solutions tailored to your specific circumstances and needs.

We help clients with:

- conducting internal investigations into allegations of compliance breaches and corporate criminal behaviour
- advising clients on self-reporting requirements
- advising clients in relation to dealing with prosecutors and regulators
- resolving government investigations, including through deferred prosecution agreements

- representation of clients at compelled interviews and interviews under caution
- responding to dawn raids and crisis situations
- assisting clients with reputational management
- preparation for and representation at trial or regulatory proceedings.

Our areas of expertise include:

- anti-bribery and corruption
- anti-money laundering
- tax evasion and tax fraud
- corporate crime
- data protection
- internal investigations
- conflicts of interest
- fraud and theft
- whistleblowing
- health and safety
- breaches of internal policies.

Our market leading legal technology offerings

We utilise our cutting-edge and fully integrated technology to reduce the cost of investigations.

Our unique in-house technology offerings place us as market leaders, providing technological solutions enabling us to conduct investigations efficiently and securely.

RPC has a dedicated in-house Investigations Technology team which provides strong technological offerings and tools to help you navigate some of the challenging data-driven aspects of investigations. They work alongside our legal teams to support and advise at every stage of the process. Our team can assist with preliminary data identification across

various sites, locations and data sources. Support can be provided with data collection, including instructing trusted forensic expertise to advise on the most challenging collection methods. Our team can assist in establishing a secure platform for data analysis and review, and has extensive experience with market-leading eDiscovery platforms.

With a bespoke set of tools at our disposal and a dedicated team of document reviewers, RPC offers an efficient and cost-effective service in uncovering data that has been exfiltrated from our clients' systems.

Our recent experience

Our team leverages our extensive investigations experience to create client-focused and efficient strategies for each matter.

- Representing a Fortune 500 multinational company in a multi-year, high-value UK Serious Fraud Office investigation into allegations of bribery and corrupt practices in relation to tender processes within a subsidiary company. In connection with the investigation, RPC negotiated with the SFO and secured deferred prosecution agreements (DPAs) for two subsidiaries of a multinational

real estate company. This makes RPC unique as the only firm outside the Magic Circle to have negotiated two DPAs.

- Conducting an internal investigation for a global real estate services and construction group relating to allegations of bribery and money laundering.
- Carrying out an internal investigation for an international investment firm in connection with whistleblower allegations of bribery of public officials in connection with a major investment in Spain.
- Conducting an internal investigation at the Financial Times in relation to

allegations made by Wirecard AG concerning market manipulation.

- Conducting an internal investigation for a multinational energy company into the participation of a potentially fraudulent intermediary in the sale of a gas turbine generator to a power plant project in Kazakhstan.
- Advising a business in the cultural sector in relation to an HMRC criminal investigation in relation to allegations of tax evasion following a 'dawn raid'.



