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About Mark

Mark Hunting is a qualified solicitor-advocate specializing in internal and external investigations, contentious and non-contentious criminal and regulatory matters and civil litigation. He advises companies and corporate executives on business-related criminal and regulatory matters, including money laundering, bribery and corruption, financial and trade sanctions and export controls, corporate investigations, health and safety, and financial institution trading regulations. He also has significant experience advising on internal investigations, mass tort litigation, health and safety prosecutions, and government enforcement actions.

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.

Recent Notable Matters

White Collar / Regulatory

DOJ/SEC/CFTC — represented various clients in connection with investigations by US federal criminal and civil regulators*

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

Internal investigations — conducted 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*

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*

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

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*

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*

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

Education

BPP Law School, UK, L.P.C.
2009 – *with distinction*

University of Cambridge, England, M.A., Law
2008

Certifications

Higher Rights of Audience, Civil and Criminal

ACAMS, Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist

Bar Admissions

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Languages

Hungarian – upper intermediate