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Suzanne Gallagher is a senior associate in the white collar investigations and defense team.

Suzanne Gallagher has extensive experience advising corporate boards and their senior executives in regulatory investigations by UK law enforcement agencies. Her expertise crosses a broad range of crises, including allegations and suspicions of money laundering, fraud, bribery, corruption and sexual misconduct. She has extensive experience of advising clients following fatalities and other serious accidents which may give rise to criminal liability for corporate manslaughter, gross negligence manslaughter, as well as breaches of health and safety, food safety, environmental law, fire safety and product safety.

Suzanne is experienced in internal investigations and advises clients on related issues of employee misconduct, self-reporting, crisis management, remediation, compliance and training initiatives. Her advice is strategic and proactive, she has expertise on advising at the earliest stages of an investigation, providing guidance on dawn raids, compelled document requests and enforcement notices. She has also advised on corporate cooperation, interviews under caution, sentencing and civil penalties. She has a depth of experience when it comes to investigations and prosecutions conducted by specialist UK agencies including the National Crime Agency, the Health and Safety Executive, the Environment Agency, the Food Standards Agency, Local Authorities, the Financial Conduct Authority and the Crown Prosecution Service.

Throughout her career, she has shown a keen interest on the impact of technology on the investigation of offences and criminal law reform. She has advised tech and social media firms on law enforcement demands for data, the use of new technology for law enforcement purposes and the enforcement of data rights. She has also advised on offences involving the improper use of electronic communications networks and unauthorised access to computers. Suzanne has also written extensively on the use of modern technology in criminal investigations such as facial recognition technology, algorithms and drones in police investigations. She is skilled at deploying innovative technology to manage the most complex corporate crime cases.

Many of her matters have an international aspect to them. She focuses particularly on matters with cross-border elements and clients with international interests. Suzanne is also experienced in advising High Net Worth individuals and their family offices on criminal and regulatory implications of sanctions designations. She has advised designated individuals and linked corporate entities. She is experienced on challenging designations and has made representations to the UK Foreign Office to request revocation of sanctions designations.

Prior to qualifying as a solicitor, Suzanne worked in the United Nations and the European Union in regulatory and criminal justice matters. She also spent time in Tokyo, Japan working in the pharmaceuticals industry.

Track record

Acting for corporates in investigations of fraud

Acting for corporates in complex and often multi-agency investigations concerning overlapping allegations of misconduct, financial crime and regulatory breaches.

Advised corporates on crisis management following allegations of fraud

Advising corporates on responding to regulatory investigations and the use of regulatory powers following allegations of cartels, fraud, bribery, corruption and money laundering.

Advised corporates on crisis management following workplace fatalities

Advising corporates on responding to regulatory investigations and the use of regulatory powers following workplace fatalities and dawn raids.

Advising a corporate in a prosecution by the HSE

Advising a corporate in a prosecution by the HSE following an explosion in a steelworks factory.

Advising businesses and individuals on consumer protection regulatory investigations

Advising businesses and individuals on consumer protection regulatory investigations, including product safety, product labelling, misleading marketing and other unfair trading practices.

Advising corporate suspect

Advising a corporate suspect in the Metropolitan Police investigation of the Grenfell Tower fire.

Advising individuals under investigation for computer misuse

Advising individuals under investigation for offences under the Computer Misuse Act 1990, the Communications Act 2003, Malicious Communications Act 1988 and Online Safety Act 2023.

Represented a utilities company

Representing a utilities company prosecuted following breaches of the Environmental Permitting Regulations.

Representing corporate suspects and witnesses in money laundering investigation

Representing corporate suspects and cooperating witnesses in police investigations of money laundering offences under POCA. Providing advice on when to seek consent from the National Crime Agency by filing a SAR (Suspicious Activity Report).

Representing corporates under investigation for financial crime

Representing corporates and individuals under investigation by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Tax

Representing corporate and individual clients in connection with HMRC investigations.

Recent recognition



External Publications

Fraud

Coronavirus (COVID-19) fraud—criminal offences, investigations and penalties - (co-authored)

COVID-19 Cure Fraud: How Far Can The Law Go In Judging Religious Beliefs? - October 2021 (co-authored)

Gender Diverse Boards May Reduce Corporate Fraud Risk, Law360 - August 2023 (co-authored)

Corporate Cooperation

Bring Up the Bodies, Renewed Expectations for Corporates from the US Department of Justice, Lexology - January 2023 (co-authored)

The perils of the DoJ's new corporate self-reporting guidance, The Global Legal Post - February 2023 (co-authored)

Public Inquiries

Covid Inquiry: What Is It And Will Prosecutions Follow? - July 2021

Data and Technology

Out of Harm's Way: Protecting Young People from the Increased Risks of Online Extremism - February 2023

Surveillance Eye In The Sky: Drone Technology In Criminal And Regulatory Investigations - February 2022

How Predictive Policing Can Criminalize Kids' Online Searches - October 2021

The Criminalisation Of Curiosity? Predictive Policing And Young People - October 2021

Trust Is A Must, Not A Nice To Have" for Global Data Review - July 2021 (co-authored)

Facial Recognition Technology: A tool for 21st century policing, Open Access Government - May 2021

Sanctions

Eurasian Kleptocracy And The UK: What's The Problem? - December 2021

How To Lose Friends And Alienate Nations - July 2021 (co-authored)

OFSI Annual Review 2020-2021 - October 2021 (co-authored)

Health and Safety

HEALTH & SAFETY: An Introduction, Chambers and Partners - 2022 (co-authored)

You Receive a Health and Safety Improvement or Prohibition Notice: When, Why, And What To Do Next - July 2021

Food Safety

Cheese theft: why hospitality should be wary of false wholesalers, The Caterer - November 2024

Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notices - July 2021

Wake-up call: combatting a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice, The Caterer - June 2021

You Received A Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice: What To Do Next - May 2021

Serious Fraud Office

2023: Turning Tides at the Serious Fraud Office?, Lexology - March 2023 (co-authored)

Admissions

England and Wales, 2017

Education

BA European Studies, Trinity College Dublin 2006

Languages

English

Memberships

Female Fraud Forum

Fraud Lawyers Association

Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association

Health and Safety Lawyers Association

Withers History

Joined 2024

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