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Sophie is an associate in the white collar defence and investigations team.

She routinely acts for both individuals and corporates in respect of a wide variety of criminal matters including financial crime and serious general crime. Sophie has assisted clients subject to investigation by law enforcement agencies such as the police and SFO. She also has experience dealing with regulatory bodies. She has assisted clients in respect of financial regulation and has often dealt with the FCA's authorisation, supervision and enforcement divisions.

Sophie has also worked for corporates and charities to complete internal investigations into their organisations following allegations of wrongdoing. These investigations have then enabled the client to understand their position legally and make the appropriate reports where necessary.

Track record

Internal investigation

Worked on an internal investigation of a large British institution and publicly listed company on the UK AIM market, the latter resulted in a report made to the SFO.

High profile client within football industry

Advised a high profile client within the football industry in relation to the criminal implications of their actions and their obligations as a regulated person under the FIFA and UEFA rules.

Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry

Continues to represent a Core Participant of the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry.

Admissions

England and Wales, 2020

Eastern Caribbean Courts (British Virgin Islands), 2021

Education

University of Exeter, Law LLB

BPP University, LPC

Languages

English

Memberships

Women in Criminal Law

Female Fraud Forum

Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Key dates

Year joined: 2021

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