



## Chris Whalley

Chris specialises in business crime and regulatory defence work

Chris was admitted as a solicitor in 2004 and gained eight years' experience in criminal defence and regulatory work at two top ranked criminal defence firms. At these firms, he worked on a range of criminal matters prosecuted by the Serious Fraud Office, the Serious and Organised Crime Agency, the Crown Prosecution Service and HM Revenue & Customs. Chris also prosecuted regulatory and professional disciplinary cases and he continues to represent individuals who are subject to investigation by their professional body. Throughout his career, Chris has represented clients at the police station and in the Magistrates' Court, as well as being involved in the preparation of complex, document heavy cases in the Crown Court and High Court. He is an accomplished advocate, having practised in the Magistrates' Court for a number of years and, more recently, as a prosecutor in civil tribunals.

Chris joined BCL in 2012 and advises corporate clients and individuals in relation to financial crime investigations and prosecutions. Chris has acted on behalf of individuals in relation to fraud, bribery/corruption, cartel and money laundering investigations and prosecutions conducted by the Serious Fraud Office, the Financial Conduct Authority, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Competition and Markets Authority (formerly the Office of Fair Trading). He has also conducted internal investigations on behalf of corporate clients seeking to minimise litigation and business risk. In addition, Chris's practice encompasses advising clients in relation to corporate manslaughter investigations and the related inquest and health and safety work.

Chris has developed a keen interest in cyber-crime and cyber-security and is currently advising businesses on the implications of the draft Investigatory Powers Bill.

Chris is a member of the Fraud Lawyers Association, the European Criminal Bar Association, the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers, the Health and Safety Lawyers Association and the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association.

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