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Education

Legal Practice Course, College of Law,
Guildford, 1992

LL.B., Nottingham Trent
University, 1991

Bar Admissions

Solicitor, England & Wales

Associations

Board Member, PRIME

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For more than 25 years, Elizabeth Robertson has advised on multijurisdictional business crime and regulatory matters, and has played a role in many of the most important criminal and regulatory investigations in the U.K. Ms. Robertson's decades of experience have given her significant understanding of the priorities of the U.K. prosecuting authorities, including the Serious Fraud Office, the Financial Conduct Authority, HM Revenue and Customs, and the Competition and Markets Authority. She has particular experience in advising on corruption, money laundering, economic sanctions and criminal tax cases and is regularly asked by clients to assist with governance and compliance matters, including by international and U.K. companies that are facing complex and sensitive board-level reputational risk issues.

Ms. Robertson has successfully defended clients in enforcement actions brought by multiple agencies, and responded to coordinated dawn raids in the U.K. and overseas. Her experience spans a wide range of industry sectors, including financial services, media, fintech, mining, sports and retail. She also has provided compliance advice related to anti-money laundering, anti-corruption, whistleblowing and data privacy. Additionally, she has experience in ancillary matters, such as extradition and mutual legal assistance, as well as applying to INTERPOL for access to information or for information to be amended or deleted.

Ms. Robertson is an accomplished speaker on international business crime and has given evidence to the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development Bribery Working Group peer reviews.

Ms. Robertson is ranked among the top tier in both *Chambers UK* and *The Legal 500*, which named her to its Hall of Fame for Fraud: White-Collar Crime and as a Leading Individual in Regulatory Investigations and Corporate Crime in its 2022 edition. She also has been recognized in *Chambers High Net Worth*. In *Chambers UK* she is recognized by clients as "the kind of lawyer who can change outcomes for the better," as well as "terrific and in the top tier of senior white-collar international criminal lawyers" and "just fantastic. She has an exceptionally good touch with clients ... She is the real deal." She also previously was included in *The Lawyer's Hot 100*, a feature on the most influential people in the U.K. legal sector. In 2019, Ms. Robertson received GIR Services to Diversity Award for her established track record in promoting and supporting greater diversity within the investigations community.

Speaking Engagements

“Thoughts from the Frontline: a Personal Perspective on the Changing World of Business Crime,” 33 Chancery Lane Business Crime Conference, December 2020

“Sanctions and Money Laundering,” Cambridge Forums, October 2020

“Defending Your Anti-Corruption Compliance Programme to the SFO and the DOJ: Practitioners Discuss Their Experiences with Preparing for a Meeting and What to Expect,” Anti-Corruption London, June 2019

“Technology’s Impact on the Future of Investigations,” GIR Live Women in Investigations Conference, London, June 2019

“Enhancing Corporate Integrity: A Fresh Approach to Fraud Prevention and Regulatory Compliance,” *Financial Times*, London, May 2019

“The Case Study Exploring Issues Around Regulations, Data Privacy Under the GDPR, Blocking Statutes, Legal Privilege, and Self-Reporting,” Global Forum on Corporate Criminal Liability, Cambridge, U.K., March 2019

Selected Publications

Contributing Author, “The Practitioner’s Guide to Global Investigations: Fifth Edition,” *Global Investigations Review*, 2021

“Impact of COVID-19 on White Collar Enforcement,” *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, March 31, 2020

“Comparing French and U.K. Guidance on Corporate Cooperation to U.S. Practices,” *NYU School of Law’s Compliance & Enforcement*, January 21, 2020

“What Recent US and UK Reforms to Information Sharing Mean for Cross-Border Investigations,” *Global Investigations Review*, July 18, 2019

“Has There Been a Sea Change in the UK’s Regulatory Framework to Tackle Corporate Crime?” chapter, *The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Business Crime 2019*

“Best Practices For Election of Members to International & Regional Treaty Bodies,” *Women@TheTable*, October 2018

“Second Circuit Upholds Prosecutorial Discretion in Deferred Prosecution Agreements,” *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, September 20, 2017

“A Shifting Landscape of Privilege in Internal Investigations,” *Global Investigations Review*, June 2017

“English Court Questions the Application of Litigation Privilege in Criminal Investigations,” *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 17, 2017

“Clarifying UK Penalty Model for Financial Sanctions Breach,” *Law360*, May 4, 2017