



International Anti-Corruption and Bribery Team Overview

- **“World’s Leading Energy Law Firm”**
– *Euromoney* 2010/2011
- **“Provides a Rolls-Royce service”**
– *Legal 500 UK* 2009
- **“Considered by many to be the world’s premier energy law firm”**
– *Chambers UK* 2010
- **“Exceeds service received from most Magic Circle or major Wall Street firms”**
– *Legal 500 UK* 2009
- **“The best of the best for energy transactions”**
– *Chambers Global* 2008
- **“Lauded by clients for its top-drawer capabilities”**
– *Chambers UK* 2010
- **“One of the first names you think of when it comes to energy law”**
– *Legal 500 UK* 2008
- **“A solid firm that enjoys an impressive reputation”**
– *Chambers Global* 2010
- **“World’s Best Energy Law Firm”**
– *Legal Media Group* 2009
- **“Distinguishes itself through the caliber of service”**
– *Legal 500 UK* 2008

In today’s regulatory environment, where the impact of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), the UK Bribery Act 2010, and equivalent foreign anti-corruption laws regularly makes headlines and results in penalties of hundreds of millions of dollars, international companies must be aware of the increasing web of global anti-bribery compliance rules and regulations. Confronted with regulators’ increasing compliance expectations, companies operating in high-risk markets must continually consider business practices and attempt to navigate what often can appear to be insurmountable business risks.

Vinson & Elkins’ International Anti-Corruption and Bribery Team has significant experience assisting multinational companies in the energy, financial services, and other industries to devise and implement processes for addressing these challenges. As outside compliance counsel to a growing number of international companies, the firm regularly counsels clients to attain their business goals within the rubric of today’s legal and regulatory framework. Drawn from our litigation and corporate practices, and spread across our international offices, the V&E Team has a wealth of experience assisting clients to:

- Review and evaluate existing anti-corruption policies and devise new compliance programs, policies, and training materials
- Conduct anti-corruption training for personnel, including senior management, accounting professionals, and members of the board of directors
- Structure initial commercial investments and negotiate corresponding agreements to minimize regulatory risk
- Craft due diligence procedures and conduct due diligence reviews of foreign business partners and third-party representatives, including agents and consultants
- Review and audit prospective investments and existing portfolio companies to assess fund-level compliance risks and areas for potential exposure to liability
- Conduct internal investigations of potential violations of anti-corruption laws and, where appropriate, disclose issues to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- Respond to and defend against investigations pursued by enforcement agencies, including the DOJ, SEC, and the UK Serious Fraud Office (SFO)
- Bring claims arising out of damages suffered by the improper practices of counter-parties and third-party representatives

V&E’s Anti-Corruption and Bribery Team draws upon the deep experience of attorneys in several practice areas throughout our global offices, including in the U.S., London, Dubai, and Asia. Team members include former U.S. prosecutors, corporate dealmakers, and more traditional litigators, arbitrators and white-collar crime defense attorneys. Relying upon the varied skills of attorneys in each of our offices, our Team is strategically positioned to provide on-the-ground substantive knowledge of how the relevant “high risk” markets and business operations function around the world. As a result, we offer our clients compliance solutions that address not only best practices in today’s regulatory environment, but also the practical realities of achieving business objectives in difficult markets around the world.

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Representative Experience:

- Successfully represented an off-shore marine construction company in relation to the U.S. DOJ and SEC Panalpina investigation and continuing to act for several additional leading multinational oil and gas companies in relation to the ongoing investigation
- Assisting a global manufacturer and distributor of chemicals to conduct an internal investigation and disclose potential allegations of corruption at a joint venture in India to the DOJ and SEC
- Representing the UK and Malaysian subsidiaries of a major U.S. service company in relation to both Serious Fraud Office and DOJ investigations arising out of the Iraq "Oil for Food" sanctions violations
- Assisting a multinational oil and gas client to evaluate potential risks associated with partnering with two local Angolan companies and with respect to the engagement of two consultants, in connection with the development of two oil blocks offshore and to respond to requests from government authorities
- Conducting an internal investigation for a UK-based multinational oil and gas client concerning potential FCPA violations in Nigeria
- Conducting three internal investigations for a multinational energy products and services company involving allegations related to an independent sales agent in Moscow, the conduct of a third-party agent in Libya, and company operations in Kazakhstan
- Advising companies around the world in numerous industries including energy, private equity, government and defense contracting, pharmaceutical, and construction, on their compliance policies and procedures
- Assisting a US-based private equity fund to prioritize and review portfolio companies and implement compliance programs to mitigate risks
- Assisting a multinational energy products and services company in reviewing and revising agreements related to the sale of assets in Nigeria
- Assisting a multinational real estate and property management company to evaluate FCPA-related risks concerning asset management agreements in Singapore and China
- Assisting a multinational offshore drilling contractor to review its relationships with over 50 agents and joint venture partners
- Assisting an India-based oil and gas exploration and production client in reviewing and drafting the FCPA compliance provisions in an agreement with the Kurdistan Regional Government
- Assisting an international construction, logistics, and energy firm with vetting potential agents and business partners internationally, particularly in the Middle East and Asia

Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

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