



Emily Sheils

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Emily Sheils is a partner in the criminal department, who specialises in business and economic crime. She works on complex and often multi-jurisdictional cases involving fraud, bribery and corruption, money laundering and regulatory offences.

She has extensive experience of advising individuals embroiled in Serious Fraud Office investigations and proceedings, including Serco, ENRC, Amec Foster Wheeler, Chemring and Petrofac. She also has experience of acting in investigations and proceedings brought by the Financial Conduct Authority, Financial Reporting Council, HMRC and the National Crime Agency.

Emily regularly advises on interviews under caution, Section 2 interviews, document requests and matters pertaining to Legal Professional Privilege. Her recent caseload has also included international investigations in jurisdictions such as Italy, Germany, USA and Portugal.

Emily has also represented a number of individuals in police investigations into alleged serious criminal offences, such as historical allegations of sexual abuse. She has particular experience of working with US lawyers to provide assistance to individuals with criminal convictions who are looking to travel abroad.

Prior to joining Hickman & Rose, Emily trained and worked at top City firms in London as a commercial litigator on high profile civil fraud, breach of warranty and financial misselling claims.

Emily has a BA in History from York University, and obtained a Distinction on the LPC at BPP in London. She is a member of the Young Fraud Lawyers' Association, the Female Fraud Forum and Women in Criminal Law.

Areas of Expertise

Fraud, Corruption & Bribery

Emily regularly works on advising individuals in connection with investigations involving fraud, corruption and bribery, many of which are investigations being undertaken by the SFO, National Crime Agency and the FCA.

She has been involved in many of the firm's most significant financial crime cases including acting for a former Finance Director of Serco on charges brought by the SFO concerning an alleged multi-million pound fraud and false accounting, as well as advising individuals across a range of high profile SFO investigations including ENRC, Amec Foster Wheeler, Chemring, Petrofac and Global Forestry Investments.

Her experience in general commercial law, fraudulent misrepresentation, breach of warranty claims and regulatory law adds to the range of legal skills the financial crime team can offer to individual clients.

Proceeds of Crime

Emily has extensive experience on advising individuals in connection with ongoing investigations into money laundering and the proceeds of crime, as well as providing specialist standalone advice to individuals and companies who are concerned about contravening the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and related legislation.

Regulatory Investigations

Emily has experience of acting in matters before professional regulators, such as the FCA and the FRC many of which give rise to concurrent criminal issues. For example, Emily acted for a former senior executive of Autonomy plc who has an ongoing case before the FRC as well as associated criminal proceedings.

Cross Border Investigations

Much of Emily's recent caseload has an international dimension including proceedings brought in Portugal for alleged market abuse, and separate investigations in Italy and Germany into false accounting and tax fraud respectively.

Emily is adept at working alongside foreign qualified lawyers, giving advice on the relevant legal framework in the UK and providing assistance on matters such as retention of data and any ensuing document review exercise.

What Others Say

- “Next Generation Partner” in Fraud: White Collar Crime – *Legal 500, 2024*
- “Key Lawyer” in Professional Discipline – *Legal 500, 2024*
- “[Part of a] standout trio” in Fraud: White Collar Crime – *Legal 500, 2022*