

# Anti-Corruption and Compliance Consulting Practice in Sub-Saharan Africa

## Special Matters & Government Investigations

### OVERVIEW

Our anti-corruption and compliance consulting practice is one of the most experienced and extensive in the world, and it includes former senior government officials from both the United States and the United Kingdom. We have vast experience representing clients around the globe, in discreet and high-stakes internal investigations before various government regulators or development finance institutions, in robust due diligence efforts in connection with mergers and acquisitions, as well as in the development and implementation of compliance and risk assessment programs.

Our team's experience is as deep as it is wide and includes individuals who have served in senior positions as regulators and prosecutors. In the UK, our lawyers include a former Head of Enforcement at the Bank of England, a former Executive Director of Enforcement at the Financial Reporting Council, and former investigators at the Serious Fraud Office. In the U.S., our lawyers include former senior members of the U.S. Department of Justice including a Deputy Attorney General of the United States, U.S. Attorneys for a number of federal districts, an Assistant Chief of the Department of Justice's FCPA unit, and former senior members of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Enforcement Division (including the Director of Enforcement and General Counsel, and Associate and Assistant Directors of Enforcement). As a result, our professionals are well placed to anticipate and understand regulatory and prosecutorial actions and to command credibility in engagements with authorities across the globe.

Together, this team of lawyers working in 20 offices around the globe has handled anti-corruption investigations in more than 100 countries (including numerous countries in sub-Saharan Africa) and earned King & Spalding recognition as "the premier firm in this practice area" (*U.S. News & World Report/Best Lawyers*).

*Ranked every year in  
Global Investigations  
Review's GIR 30*



*Corporate Crime  
and Investigations*

*Named 2018 Law  
Firm of the Year*



## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS



Representing an oilfield services company in **its response to inquiries from the DOJ** related to interactions between Unaoil and a company whose assets our client purchased.



Served as the **first-ever monitor** for an international organization for the purpose of supervising the compliance of a major aviation company's adherence to its sexual exploitation prohibition policy. King & Spalding lawyers provided legal training and compliance counselling and conducted an investigation in South Sudan, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast and Liberia.



Represented an oilfield services company in an **anti-corruption investigation** of its operations in Angola and Iraq, including responding to inquiries from the SEC and the DOJ. The investigation resulted in a settlement with the SEC and a declination by the DOJ.



Conducted a **large-scale compliance assessment** of various subsidiaries of a French-based company in Francophone Africa in advance of our multinational client's acquisition of the business.



We have also handled several *pro bono* matters in Africa. For example:

- as independent counsel related to the International Criminal Court (ICC) proceedings in Rwanda and Sierra Leone in which the ICC was **investigating allegations of witness tampering, intimidation and bribery**;
- as *pro bono* counsel by a large international non-governmental organization as part of an **investigation of the NGO** by a funding organization into allegations of financial improprieties in the NGO's field office in Cote d'Ivoire;
- to develop **FCPA and fraud policies and training** for CARE (a global refugee organization); and
- to develop **"whistleblower"/anti-retaliation and FCPA policies and training** for a non-profit entity providing medical services in Zimbabwe.

Our lawyers have conducted **on-the-ground internal investigations and compliance/internal control assessments** for local subsidiaries of various multinational as well as domestic groups. We have carried out this work for a variety of purposes, including in response to enforcement actions by European and American civil and criminal enforcement regulators, as a **proactive method for testing and remediating compliance controls, and in connection with debarment and sanctions proceedings** before the World Bank Sanctions Board.

Our lawyers have also carried out sophisticated **due diligence projects for multinational companies** seeking to do business in various African countries; for example, conducting "deep dive" due diligence checks on prospective joint venture partners, third party agents/consultants and other service providers with operations in Nigeria and South Africa.

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