



CASE STUDY

FRAUD

Bright Line Law can act for individuals and corporates in civil fraud and criminal fraud matters. Bright Line Law acts for clients in the United Kingdom and abroad. Allegations of fraud may be raised in a criminal or civil court but the requirements and disclosure obligations are different. Bright Line Law has a team of barristers skilled in civil proceedings as well as criminal litigation.

Since 2016, Bright Line Law's recent cases in the area of fraud have included:

HIGH-VALUE LITIGATION IN DUBAI

1. Lead Counsel is instructed on behalf of the Claimants in relation to a high-value fraud case presently being litigated in the DIFC Court. A team which includes Bright Line Law barristers is also involved in the landmark case. The claim concerns allegations of fraud, professional negligence and money laundering deficiencies made by multiple Claimants against a Big 4 accountant.

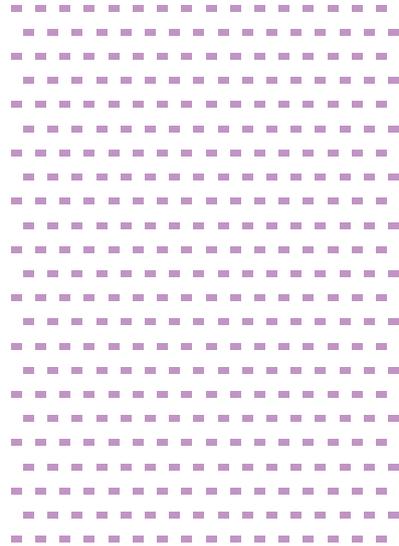
FRAUD AND PRIVATE FAMILY OFFICES

2. Bright Line Law was instructed by a high net worth individual in relation to the commencement of proceedings for fraud against a former agent purporting to act on behalf of a family office. Jonathan Fisher QC drafted the pleadings which required detailed consideration of the impact of an ongoing criminal investigation, related proceedings in other jurisdictions and clear particulars of the allegations of fraud.

CORPORATE FRAUD

3. In a highly sensitive matter, Jonathan Fisher QC was instructed to advise on a large corporate investigation which revealed the potential commission of fraud and false invoicing by a global company.

Jonathan Fisher QC advised on the parallel legal obligation on a regulated firm to make a disclosure of money laundering under the Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) regime. He also steered the corporate strategy in relation





to dealing with the investigating agency and requests for disclosure arising from an unrelated matter which had the potential to bear on the uncovered alleged fraud.

TAX FRAUD

4. Bright Line Law was instructed by an accounting firm to advise on a client's potential commission of tax evasion. The alleged conduct related to the outsourcing of payroll to a payroll processing bureau. It required granular review of corporate records, the technicalities of the payroll arrangements, statements obtained from workers, representations to enforcement agencies and communications with HMRC to advise on exposure to criminal liability for the underlying client and, consequently, the professional advisers.

Bright Line Law prepared witness statements on instructions for submission to an enforcement agency in England and Wales in answer to queries about the tax arrangements and liaised with the agency throughout. The matter concluded with no further query being raised by the enforcement agency.

Bright Line Law acts in fraud matters before the civil and criminal courts. It is well placed to advise and act in relation to cases of false invoicing, false representations made to investors and the mis-selling of tax schemes as well as Deferred Prosecution Agreements.

Bright Line Law's expertise in fraud is further demonstrated by:

- Understanding the intersection between bribery and tax fraud
- Its involvement with the duty to disclose under the Fraud Act 2006 and potential impact of key cases in common law jurisdictions
- Its understanding of the first Deferred Prosecution Agreements in the UK.

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