

Minimising Your Risk / Maximising Your Return

Mishcon de Reya Solicitors

Our mission

In order to succeed in business, successful organisations must have a thorough understanding of the risks they face. These risks are vast and come from many evolving sources. Unscrupulous suppliers, competitors, employees, customers, business partners and numerous others are costing UK business millions of pounds every day.

The Corporate Investigations & Asset Recovery Group at Mishcon de Reya helps companies compete effectively by delivering clear and decisive advice that maximises the benefits of acquired investigative intelligence, while minimising the risks involved.

The Group's credentials are based on 30 years' experience of cases involving the acquisition of intelligence and information and the protection and recovery of assets on behalf of financial institutions and other multinationals both in the UK and overseas.

Minimising your risk

The list of threats faced by organisations is matched only by the number of potentially devastating results. Erosion of customer base, damage to staff relations, negative PR and regulatory investigations are all frequent consequences faced by companies who do not put in place appropriate measures to prevent corruption. The failures ultimately take their toll on company share price and investor relations.

Our clients regularly look to us for guidance in developing proactive programmes in information gathering designed to dramatically reduce the risk of theft or corruption. Common scenarios where we are called to assist include:

- Employee screening
- Competitive intelligence
- Mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and takeovers
- Regulatory and compliance issues
- Protecting data and confidential information
- Secret profiteering
- Corporate fraud
- IT integrity
- Insurance investigations
- Fraud and crisis response plans.

Corporate Investigations and Asset Recovery

When our clients and/or their Senior Management face criticism or at worst are threatened with regulatory, civil or criminal sanction as a result of allegations made against them, we have the know-how to protect and defend them. Our knowledge of the investigative world enables us to provide effective counter intelligence gathering strategies to support them.

Maximising your return

Even the best run organisations can be viewed as a soft target by unscrupulous and sophisticated criminals. Often, employees are involved in the fraud itself, sometimes with the help of outsiders, sometimes in conspiracy with other members of the company. What is certain is that evidence of the theft will be concealed and that the stolen assets will have been moved to avoid detection.

We specialise in advising on the legal issues surrounding covert investigations and aggressive litigation techniques to uncover evidence of theft and recover stolen assets. Our philosophy in undertaking asset recovery can be easily stated in three words. Return On Investment. We will not undertake any extensive investigation exercise without having properly evaluated and discussed with our client the costs / benefit ratios and the return on investment ratios.

Where Return On Investment makes the exercise worthwhile, we will seek to return your assets to you in a cost effective manner and ensure that those responsible are punished through the Civil Courts. We will also work with you to put in place the relevant legal framework to ensure that the theft cannot happen again.

We provide expert advice on the full range of issues which are relevant in any case involving asset theft including:

- Investigation and surveillance of suspected fraudsters
- Legality of investigative techniques
- Tracing stolen assets in the UK and overseas
- Worldwide asset freezing
- Search and seizure orders worldwide
- Money laundering
- Data protection
- Regulatory issues
- Disclosure orders against third parties
- International enforcement of orders and judgments
- Public relations advice and reputation management
- Codes of ethics and employment law advice
- Suspending and dismissing fraudulent employees
- Fidelity insurance claims
- Criminal complaints.

International network

Criminals are sophisticated animals and should not be underestimated. They often operate in a number of jurisdictions, using nominee companies or off shore trusts to mask their identities. Through our extensive network of

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proven legal and forensic experts, investigators, regulatory authorities and international banks, we are able to track and seize assets in any corner of the globe.

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