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Steve Melrose is a New Zealand qualified Of Counsel in the London office of Gibson Dunn.

Steve is a member of the firm's Dispute Resolution, White Collar Defence and Investigations, and Antitrust and Competition Practice Groups. His practice focuses on domestic and cross-border corporate and regulatory investigations, and antitrust and white-collar criminal matters.

Steve advises corporates and individuals under investigation by government authorities in the UK, including the Financial Conduct Authority and the Serious Fraud Office, and in the U.S., including the New York Attorney General, Securities and Exchange Commission, Commodities and Futures Trading Commission and the Department of Justice. He has extensive experience advising clients in relation to the UK Bribery Act 2010 and FCA systems and controls matters.

Steve has also has experience counselling clients under investigation by the European Commission, as well as the UK Competition and Markets Authority, for antitrust violations. In addition, he advises clients in connection with English consumer law matters and related CMA investigations.

Steve is a member of the London Office Diversity Executive Committee.

Representative work includes:

- Advising a global company in connection with parallel DOJ, FCA and SFO investigations regarding allegations of bribery and corruption.
- Representing an individual under investigation by the FCA and CFTC for trading related conduct issues.
- Advising a global financial institution as part of a multi-office teams in connection with the LIBOR and FX investigations conducted by antitrust, criminal and regulatory bodies in the UK, U.S. and various other major jurisdictions, which involved extensive direct interactions with the FCA and SFO.
- Advising a U.S. investment bank in connection with criminal investigations brought simultaneously in the U.S. (DOJ and SEC) and UK (Financial Conduct Authority) in relation to suspicions of insider dealing.
- Advising a global consulting firm in connection with enquiries from the FCA regarding insider dealing concerns.
- Advising a U.S. listed global consulting firm to resolve historic contentious tax issues with the Swiss Federal and Cantonal tax authorities.
- Advising a Swiss insurance company in connection with its U.S. cross border tax



Capabilities

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

Credentials

Education

Institute of Professional Legal Studies - 2009 Professional Legal Studies Crs
Victoria University of Wellington - 2008 Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)
Victoria University of Wellington - 2008 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New Zealand - Barrister and Solicitor
England & Wales - Solicitor

exposure.

- Advising a global media company in connection with various cross-border whistleblower and other internal investigations in Europe and APAC.
- Advising a global musical instruments company in connection with a CMA antitrust investigation, through to negotiated resolution.
- Advising a care home management firm and its North American shareholders in connection with a CMA consumer law investigation, which resulted in the first resolution in which the CMA used its newly acquired Enhanced Consumer Measures (in this case formal Undertakings).

Prior to joining the firm, Steve practiced in the Wellington office of a leading New Zealand law firm. Before entering private practice, Steve was a Legal and Policy Advisor at the New Zealand Law Reform Commission where he worked on a range of criminal and public law enquiries.

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