



## Neil Swift

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Described as “top tier” by Legal 500, Neil advises and represents clients concerned with investigations by law enforcement and regulatory authorities. He is a regular speaker on corruption, fraud and corporate criminal liability.

Neil is a partner in the Business Crime department. He has extensive experience advising individual and corporate clients in relation to investigations and prosecutions by the Serious Fraud Office, Financial Conduct Authority and HM Revenue & Customs. He frequently advises professional firms about their regulatory obligations, both from a risk management perspective and in response to requests from law enforcement. He also advises clients who are the subject of investigations overseas, and who are or may be the subject of Interpol notices or extradition proceedings. Neil has considerable experience in high-profile corruption and financial crime cases, representing both company directors and companies in relation to multi-jurisdictional enquiries. His advice is often sought at an early stage. He has extensive experience advising individuals on internal investigations being carried out by their employer. Neil was a contributing author to Blackstone’s guide to the Bribery Act 2010 and gave evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on the Bribery Act in 2018. He is a frequent speaker, writer and commentator on fraud, corporate crime, corruption and money laundering.

Neil is regularly ranked in leading legal directories. Who’s Who Legal described him as “*fantastic*” having a “*very measured, thorough and detailed approach*” with *profound experience counselling individuals and corporates in a plethora of business crime matters*’.

In Chambers and Partners 2020, Neil is described as “*extremely clever and forensic*” and “*calm, capable and always in control*” (Financial Crime: Individuals); “*practical and thorough with a profound understanding of his field*” (POCA Work and Asset Forfeiture); and “*adept at defending against extradition requests related to major*

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*fraud investigations, as well as challenging Interpol Red Notices*" (Crime: Extradition). He is also seen as a notable practitioner in relation to both Financial Services: Contentious Regulatory (Individuals) and Tax: Contentious: Fraud.

In Legal 500 2020, Neil is noted for his work in Financial Services: Contentious, VAT and Indirect Tax, and Crime: General with referees describing him as "*exceptional, very professional and gives clients a sense of security*" and "*impressive and approachable*".

## Expertise

- > Unexplained Wealth Orders

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- > Business Crime

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- > Corruption & Bribery

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- > Criminal Fraud

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- > Criminal Restraint & Confiscation

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- > Employee Fraud

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- > FCA Investigations & Enforcement

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- > Money Laundering

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- > Tax Investigations & Prosecutions

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- > Competition & Cartels

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- > Extradition

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- > General Crime

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- > Mutual Legal Assistance

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- > INTERPOL Red Notices

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- > Regulatory & Disciplinary Investigations

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- > Internal Investigations

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- > Sports Disputes & Investigations

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## Leading Cases

- > Representation of an international investment bank

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- > Acquittal secured in SFO overseas bribery case
- > Restraint order discharged after firm's representations
- > Senior investment banker
- > Representation of conglomerate in relation to international corruption investigation
- > Senior African Bank executive in internal investigation
- > Representation of firm of accountants in relation to a police investigation into a former client for money laundering and terrorist financing
- > Success for client in leading European case on MTIC fraud
- > Representation of former consultant to the World Bank on corruption allegations
- > Successful discharge from extradition for a UK citizen wanted by the Government of India
- > Firm works with overseas counsel to avoid extradition by successfully challenging domestic Italian arrest warrant
- > Firm acts for senior bank employee in relation to criminal and regulatory investigations conducted in the UK and Europe
- > Representing Danish National in a long running mutual legal assistance request
- > David Turner, A former senior executive of chemicals company Innospec
- > SFO investigation into GPT Special Projects Limited
- > Criminal proceedings avoided for former directors of a private group of companies subject to an HMRC tax investigation
- > Unique plea agreement negotiated for senior executives involved in marine hose cartel

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