

Alison Pople KC

Call: 1993 | Silk: 2015

"Alison Pople is extremely bright, sensible, collaborative, a team player but able to lead and make difficult decisions. She also has a very good courtroom manner, endearing to jury and judges alike." "Alison Pople is extremely impressive both with clients and on paper. She commands respect and achieves results with a intelligence, warmth and humour that truly make her stand out." "Alison Pople has great experience of dealing with individuals and corporates. She is very robust and straightforward with her advice."

Chambers High Net Worth UK Bar Guide 2024 Financial Crime



Alison Pople KC is widely recognised as a leading silk with particular specialisms in financial crime and regulation, corporate crime, global investigations, crime and professional discipline. Extremely highly regarded, she is routinely instructed as an advisor in high profile, serious and complex investigations and as a leading advocate in proceedings brought against both individual and corporate clients.

Alison is skilled in addressing the complex, multi-faceted and sensitive issues faced by high-profile persons, experienced professionals, politically exposed persons, or otherwise exposed individual clients. Her corporate clients have included large multinational corporations, private equity funds and highly niche SMEs.

Advisory

Alison advises on self-reporting issues and on strategy from the commencement of investigations by bodies such as the Serious Fraud Office, Financial Conduct Authority, Competition and Markets Authority, the Solicitors Regulation Authority, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and the Financial Reporting Council. Alison is adept at steering an issue away from criminal, regulatory or disciplinary investigation by early and decisive strategic action. She frequently advises clients within and outside the UK on issues and investigations with global reach. Alison works closely and collaboratively with lawyers in other jurisdictions to provide clients with a unified strategy.

Advocacy

Alison is recognised as a skilled and persuasive advocate in both jury and non-jury court proceedings, as well as professional discipline tribunals and other forums. She has over 25 years experience as an advocate, having acted in a number of significant and high-profile cases over many years.

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Recent Cases

Successful closure of SFO investigation without charge for a former senior executive in a long-running investigation into allegations of foreign bribery and corruption by a global mining and commodity trading company.

The shortest (1 year) Deferred Prosecution Agreement approved to date between the SFO and an airline services company in respect of three offences of failure to prevent bribery.

The first successful challenge to an Unexplained Wealth Order since the introduction of legislation in 2018 via the Criminal Finances Act 2017. Alison represented one of three successful Respondents who secured the discharge of the UWOs originally obtained by the NCA without notice.