

Sona Ganatra

Partner

I am a partner in Fox Williams' financial services team, specialising in FCA and SFO investigations and corporate internal investigations.



Sona has extensive experience in advising corporates and senior executives on a broad range of financial services regulatory issues, particularly on matters involving money laundering; fraud; bribery and corruption; financial misstatements; market misconduct; systems and controls failures; and the change in control regime.

She regularly represents clients involved in FCA, SFO, FRC investigations and has experience of cross border investigations involving regulatory bodies and prosecuting authorities based in the US.

Sona is recognised for leading internal corporate investigations both in the UK and across a number of jurisdictions. She specialises in internal investigations concerning allegations of bribery and corruption; fraud; and market misconduct. Sona has been instructed in relation to a number of high profile corporate investigations by large multinational organisations across the financial services sector. Her instructions regularly require liaising with a number of stakeholders including regulators, law enforcement authorities and Government bodies and committees.

She has a particular interest and expertise in advising clients based in the fintech / reg tech sector who are facing particularly complex challenges in the current regulatory climate.

Sona leads our firm's Diversity & Inclusion Initiative.

Legal Expertise

- Corporate investigations
- FCA, SFO and FRC investigations
- Financial services regulation
- FinTech

Experience

- Advised in relation to a high profile criminal investigation in the UK and the US relating to HP / Autonomy, together with related UK and US civil proceedings against various corporate entities and related UK executives.
- Acted for individuals in relation to the investigations and proceedings brought against Barclays Bank Plc and others relating to the 2008 capital raisings from the Qatar Investment Authority.
- Acted for a large multinational corporate to conduct an internal investigation in relation to financial misconduct and misstatements.
- Represented current and former senior executives of a retail bank participating in a high profile independent review being conducted by a High Court judge.