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White Collar Crimes

White Collar Crimes Law Firm in India for Fraud, Anti-Corruption, and SEBI Matters

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Overview

We provide sophisticated legal representation to corporations and individuals facing white collar crime investigations and prosecutions across India. Our White Collar Crime practice combines deep criminal defence expertise with thorough understanding of business and regulatory environments to help clients navigate enforcement actions effectively. We represent corporate entities, executives, directors, professionals, and other individuals in a wide range of white collar matters from financial fraud and securities violations to corruption and regulatory offenses. With strategic insight into enforcement priorities and prosecutorial approaches, we develop defence strategies that protect our clients' interests, reputation, and freedom while managing the complex interplay between criminal proceedings, regulatory actions, and civil litigation.

Our Services

Financial Fraud and Economic Offenses

- Defence against allegations of accounting fraud and financial statement manipulation
- Representation in securities fraud and insider trading investigations
- Handling matters involving bank fraud and lending irregularities
- Defence against allegations of insurance fraud and false claims
- Representation in cases of embezzlement and misappropriation of funds
- Defence in matters involving investment fraud and Ponzi schemes
- Handling wire fraud and electronic funds transfer violations
- Representation in matters of bankruptcy fraud and creditor deception
- Defence against allegations of tax fraud and evasion
- Representation in customs duty and import tax violations
- Handling matters involving healthcare billing fraud and false claims
- Defence against complex financial schemes and market manipulation

Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery

- Defence against allegations under the Prevention of Corruption Act
- Representation in cases involving bribery of public officials
- Handling investigations related to kickbacks and illegal commissions
- Defence against allegations of illegal gratification and undue influence
- Handling matters involving political corruption and election finance violations
- Representation in cross-border corruption investigations
- Defence against allegations involving improper lobbying and influence
- Representation in matters of judicial and regulatory corruption
- Handling cases involving private commercial bribery
- Defence against corruption allegations in government contracts

Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture

- Defence against allegations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act
- Representation in Enforcement Directorate investigations and proceedings
- Handling cases involving proceeds of crime and illegal funds
- Defence against provisional attachment orders and property seizures
- Representation in matters involving shell companies and layered transactions
- Defence against allegations of benami transactions and proxy ownership
- Handling matters related to suspicious transaction reports and compliance failures
- Representation in extradition proceedings related to money laundering
- Representation in matters involving unexplained wealth and disproportionate assets
- Handling cases involving international fund transfers and hawala operations
- Defence against allegations of financial integration of illegal proceeds

Securities and Capital Markets Violations

- Defence against SEBI investigations and enforcement actions
- Representation in cases involving insider trading and market manipulation
- Handling matters of disclosure violations and misleading statements
- Defence against allegations of front-running and professional misconduct
- Representation in matters involving IPO irregularities and pricing issues
- Defence in cases of unauthorized securities offerings and investor fraud
- Handling matters related to broker-dealer misconduct and trading violations
- Representation in cases of investment advisor fraud and fiduciary breaches
- Defence against allegations of stock price manipulation and market rigging
- Representation in matters involving mutual fund irregularities
- Handling cases of algorithmic trading violations and market disruption
- Defence against regulatory violations in corporate governance

Corporate Criminal Liability

- Defence of corporations in criminal proceedings and investigations
- Representation addressing vicarious liability for employee actions
- Handling matters involving attribution of knowledge and intent
- Defence strategies for corporate criminal negligence allegations
- Representation in matters of corporate compliance failures
- Defence against allegations of criminal conspiracy within organizations
- Handling matters involving corporate culture and systemic violations
- Representation in criminal proceedings arising from industrial accidents
- Defence against allegations of corporate fraud and misrepresentation
- Representation in matters involving corporate decision-making processes
- Handling cases of corporate document destruction and obstruction
- Defence strategies for corporate criminal settlements and remediation

Regulatory Offenses and Compliance Violations

- Defence against violations of RBI regulations and banking laws
- Representation in environmental crime prosecutions and pollution cases
- Handling matters involving food safety violations and consumer protection
- Defence against violations of labour laws and workplace regulations
- Representation in cases involving pharmaceutical regulations and drug laws
- Defence against allegations of telecom regulation violations and licensing issues
- Handling matters related to energy sector compliance and regulatory offenses
- Representation in cases involving violations of competition law and anticompetitive behaviour
- Defence against allegations of insurance regulatory violations
- Representation in matters involving import-export regulations and FEMA violations
- Handling cases of data protection and privacy regulation breaches
- Defence against technical regulatory violations and compliance failures

Cybercrime and Data Breaches

- Defence against allegations under the Information Technology Act
- Representation in cases involving computer fraud and network intrusions
- Handling matters of data theft and unauthorized system access
- Defence against allegations of ransomware deployment and cyberthreats
- Representation in matters involving phishing and social engineering schemes
- Defence in cases of business email compromise and corporate espionage
- Handling matters related to cryptocurrency fraud and blockchain violations

- Representation in cases involving online payment fraud and financial cybercrime
- Defence against allegations of hacking and system manipulation
- Representation in matters involving identity theft and synthetic identity fraud
- Handling cases of dark web operations and criminal cyber services
- Defence against allegations of cyber extortion and digital blackmail

Professional Misconduct and Malpractice

- Defence of professionals against criminal allegations of malpractice
- Representation in cases involving auditor and accountant fraud
- Handling matters of legal malpractice with criminal implications
- Defence against allegations of healthcare fraud by medical professionals
- Representation in matters involving appraiser and valuation fraud
- Defence in cases of notary misconduct and documentation fraud
- Handling matters related to engineering malpractice and safety violations
- Representation in cases involving architects and construction professionals
- Defence against allegations of educational fraud and credential misrepresentation
- Representation in matters involving insurance agent misconduct
- Handling cases of trustee fraud and fiduciary criminal violations
- Defence against allegations of professional licensing violations

Criminal Defence and Crisis Management

- Strategic defence representation throughout criminal proceedings
- Handling arrest and custodial interrogation situations
- Representation in bail proceedings and custody challenges
- Defence strategies for search and seizure operations
- Representation in matters involving electronic evidence and digital forensics
- Defence against prosecution witness testimony and evidence
- Handling matters related to plea negotiations and settlements
- Representation in trial proceedings and criminal hearings
- Defence strategies for sentencing and penalty mitigation
- Representation in matters involving criminal appeals
- Handling public relations aspects of white-collar prosecutions
- Managing parallel proceedings and multi-jurisdictional investigations

Key Professionals



Durgesh Singh
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Abdullah Qureshi
Associate Partner



Khushboo Rupani
Associate Partner

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1 What does a white collar crime defence practice cover in India?

It covers legal representation in matters involving financial fraud, securities violations, corruption, embezzlement, money laundering, tax evasion, and regulatory offenses. The practice spans criminal defence, regulatory responses, and managing parallel civil proceedings that often accompany such cases.

Q2 When should a company or individual engage a white collar crime lawyer?

Ideally at the first sign of regulatory scrutiny, such as a search, survey, summons, or informal inquiry from agencies like the ED, CBI, SFIO, or SEBI. Early engagement allows counsel to preserve documents, advise on communications, and shape the defence before positions harden.

Q3 Which Indian statutes and agencies govern white collar criminal matters?

Key statutes include the Prevention of Corruption Act, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Companies Act 2013, SEBI Act, IT Act, and Indian Penal Code provisions on cheating and fraud. Enforcement agencies include the CBI, ED, SFIO, SEBI, and the Economic Offences Wing of state police.

Q4 How long do white collar crime investigations and trials typically take in India?

Investigations can last six months to several years depending on complexity and the agencies involved. Trials in economic offence cases often extend five to ten years. Bail applications, quashing petitions, and interim protections become critical cost drivers during prolonged proceedings.

Q5 What documents should a client prepare before engaging defence counsel?

Clients should gather all summons, notices, and FIR copies received, along with relevant financial records, board resolutions, internal audit reports, email communications, and compliance filings. Preserving electronic records in their original form is critical, as spoliation can attract adverse inferences.

Q6 What is the most common mistake individuals make in white collar investigations?

Providing unguarded statements to investigating officers without legal counsel present. Statements recorded under Section 50 of PMLA or Section 161 CrPC can be used against the maker. Another frequent error is destroying or altering documents, which creates independent criminal liability.

Related Practice Areas

Criminal Litigation