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Anthony is a senior associate in the white collar defence and investigations team in London.

He advises corporates and individuals on criminal investigations, extradition proceedings, mutual legal assistance requests, regulatory enforcement actions and economic sanctions. He is frequently instructed in cross-border investigations concerning financial crime and misconduct and has represented clients facing proceedings initiated by agencies such as the Serious Fraud Office, HM Revenue and Customs, National Crime Agency, Crown Prosecution Service, Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and the US Department of Justice.

Anthony has consistently been ranked as a Leading Individual for Crime: Extradition in Chambers and Partners UK Guide where he has been described as 'brilliant', 'outstanding', 'tactically very astute', 'an excellent extradition lawyer with a lot of expertise', with 'considerable expertise in matters concerning serious charges, such as fraud and money laundering' and 'highly regarded for his expertise in extradition law'. He has acted in some of the most complex and high-profile extradition cases to date and provides clients with holistic advice on myriad issues arising from cross-jurisdictional investigations. Anthony also has a busy practice advising clients on pre-emptive blocking/removal of INTERPOL Red Notices and Diffusions, together with the deletion of foreign convictions on their UK records.

The rapid expansion in the global use of economic sanctions means considerable uncertainty for individuals and entities doing business with sanctioned persons and/or in jurisdictions subject to sanctions. Anthony has advised individuals, charities, technology companies and financial institutions on sanctions issues concerning regimes such as Russia, Myanmar, Iran, Syria and Afghanistan.

Track record

Cross-jurisdictional MLA request

Represented a UHNWI in a cross-jurisdictional mutual legal assistance application with underlying allegations of theft of trading algorithms and fraud where concurrent proceedings were ongoing in Cyprus, Monaco and Greece.

Internal Investigation

Conducted an internal investigation for a national consultancy firm following claims of furlough fraud. On reporting the findings of the investigation to the client, HMRC was then engaged which resulted in a favourable agreement under COP9 procedure.

INTERPOL Red Notice

Advising HNWI in pre-emptive application to INTERPOL not to register a Red Notice following false allegations of fraud in South Korea. Coordinated an international team of lawyers to challenge the enforcement of such a Red Notice in multiple jurisdictions.

INTERPOL Red Notice deletion

Successful deletion of INTERPOL Red Notice for client who had been convicted in absentia during proceedings in Turkey. Anthony had previously successfully defended the extradition request.

Italy extradition request

Successfully resisted an extradition request from the Italian authorities where his client, a practicing US attorney, had been convicted of a bankruptcy fraud valued at 100m euros in relation to a multi-national technology company.

Paraguay extradition request

Represented an individual in the first extradition request from Paraguay in relation to a highly publicised pension fund fraud valued at \$60m.

Sanctions

Advised leading international charity on sanctions compliance surrounding the provision of funds for disaster relief across multiple high-risk jurisdictions.

Turkey extradition request

Represented a serving member of the Armed Forces following an extradition request from Turkey. Anthony was able to successfully resist the extradition request, remove the Turkish conviction from the UK Police National Computer and ensure INTERPOL held no records in relation to the conviction.

US extradition request

Represented an individual arrested on an extradition request from the US for offences of hacking into various government institutions, including the US Army, Missile Defence Agency and NASA. Extradition was resisted after the 'forum' bar was successfully argued for the first time.

US extradition request

Represented HNWI subject to US extradition request following a large-scale DEA operation spanning Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Advised client on proceedings before the UK High Court and ECtHR.

Talks

- 'European Extradition Law' panel (Chair) - Defence Extradition Lawyer's Forum annual conference 2019
- 'Mutual Legal Assistance' seminar (Chair) – Defence Extradition Lawyer's Forum 21 January 2020
- 'Poland – the threat to judicial independence' (Chair) – Defence Extradition Lawyer's Forum 25 November 2020
- 'Sanctions: Recent developments and their effect on cross-border disputes' – British Russian Law Association 18 May 2021
- 'An Introduction to Extradition' (Chair) – Defence Extradition Lawyer's Forum 3 August 2022

External publications

Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 – Mondaq 25 July 2018

Can the European Arrest Warrant Bring About Political Change – Mondaq 24 July 2018

Russian Assurances – Mondaq 11 July 2018

Why SFO Closed Its LIBOR Manipulation Investigation – Law360 5 February 2020

'Representing Individuals in Interviews: The UK Perspective' – The Practitioner's Guide to Global Investigations – Seventh Edition

Regularly comments in national media, including Bloomberg, Sky News, Law360, Financial Times, The Times and BBC News

Admissions

England and Wales 2007

Education

CILEX Law School

Languages

English

Memberships

International Bar Association

Fraud Lawyer's Association

European Criminal Bar Association

Defence Extradition Lawyer's Forum (Treasurer and Founding Committee Member)

Key dates

Year joined: 2021

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