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Olivia is a Barrister in the criminal and regulatory team at Browne Jacobson. She specialises in representing corporates and individuals in large scale criminal investigations and prosecutions, especially those which carry the dual threat of criminal liability and enforcement by a regulator.

Olivia has been part of the team who represented the first defendant in one of the largest SFO prosecutions of the last few years involving the former managing directors of G4S. Through preparing these cases for trial, Olivia has gained significant experience in managing and conducting large scale document reviews and investigations which require careful analysis. She has also demonstrable experience in interviewing potential witnesses and drafting statements for trial. She has also used this skill set to conduct and manage internal investigations since joining Browne Jacobson.

International investigations have also formed part of Olivia's practice. She has represented clients in the cum-ex tax fraud investigation which began in Germany and was part of the team which facilitated cooperation between the client and the German prosecutor. She has also advised clients on their UK sanctions obligations when trading in certain markets abroad.

Olivia has a breadth of experience in sensitive cases, including fatalities in the workplace. She has acted for clients prosecuted by the Health and Safety executive where there have been fatalities in and a possibility of criminal action against the company and individual directors. She has significant experience of dealing with regulators and prosecuting bodies including the Financial Conduct Authority and the Serious Fraud Office.

Olivia has also acted in restraint death cases, which required the instruction of medical and technical experts, and careful consideration of witness evidence and in-depth analysis of CCTV. In this context, Olivia has also developed an understanding of inquests and what material may be obtained by regulators and prosecuting authorities to bolster their investigations and inform their prosecution decisions.

Olivia began her career at the self-employed criminal bar, representing clients charged with a variety of criminal offences, including many vulnerable clients. Her advocacy experience demonstrates her ability to communicate arguments with clarity and logic and to foresee the issues which may arise for witnesses when their evidence is tested in court.