

WHITE COLLAR CRIME

Bribery and related offences

Bougartchev Moyne Associés advises clients in the most sensitive matters, whether involving French, foreign or international public officials, private bribery or influence peddling.

- We defended the interests of an officer of the real estate subsidiary of a listed investment company in proceedings initiated on the grounds of misappropriation of corporate assets and bribery, and obtained an acquittal, which has become final.
- We defended the interests of a Brazilian businessman who was prosecuted before the Paris High Court on the grounds of misappropriation of corporate assets, forgery and use of forged documents, bribery of foreign public officials, concealment and laundering the proceeds of these offences and laundering of the proceeds of tax fraud in connection with the signature of several contracts with an African country.
- We defended the interests of an oligarch in connection with a criminal investigation initiated before the Paris High Court on the grounds of alleged bribery in connection with the award of various contracts in central Europe. We defended the interests of that same oligarch in connection with a parliamentary enquiry initiated in Belgium to investigate the alleged interference of the French government in past legal proceedings involving our client that had ended in a plea bargain that had become final.
- We defended the interests of a leading industrial firm in connection with proceedings before the Paris High Court on the grounds of bribery of foreign public officials.
- We defended the interests of the acquirer of a company in connection with a criminal investigation initiated before the Paris High Court on the grounds of bribery of foreign public officials and influence peddling alleged against the company's former officers.
- We defended the interests of a corporate officer in connection with defamatory allegations of bribery made against him in connection with various investments made by his group in Morocco.
- We defended the interests of a leading cement group in connection with a criminal investigation initiated before the Paris High Court on the grounds of alleged financing of terrorism.
- We defended the interests of an international industrial group that was the victim of bribery by one of its employees, who subsequently misappropriated confidential information about certain of its products.
- We defended the interests of a leading industrial company that was the victim of the bribery of several of its employees and one of its suppliers.
- We defended the interests of a French engineering company and its director in connection with criminal proceedings commenced in the United States of America (New York State) for alleged corruption under business relationships forged in Mali, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Ivory Coast.
- We defended the interests of a member of a parliamentarian's family in a case of alleged concealment of embezzlement of public funds.
- We defended the interests of a major business bank and its chairman in connection with bribery proceedings initiated in Germany following the sale to a German lender of the investment of a French company, which was a client of the bank, in a German company, which led to the service of international letters rogatory in France, and obtained a dismissal of the charges.
- We defended the interests of a leading investment fund in connection with highly publicised criminal and civil actions initiated in France and Belgium by a minority shareholder seeking the cancellation of the investment fund's takeover of a major retailer, on the grounds that the sale price had been knowingly over-evaluated to enable the payment of bribes, and obtained several dismissal decisions.

- We defended the interests of two officers of a leading company in the energy sector in connection with a criminal investigation initiated on the grounds of bribery of Libyan public officials, and obtained a dismissal of the charges.
- We defended the interests of a leading construction and public works group in a matter of alleged bribery in Russia, and obtained a dismissal of the charges.
- We defended the interests of a major retailer that was a civil party in a bribery case, and obtained the conviction of the perpetrators of the fraud.
- We defended the interests of a subsidiary of a French industrial group that was a civil party in a misappropriation of company assets and bribery case involving acts committed in Pakistan, Switzerland and France.
- We defended the interests of the subsidiary of a French public financial institution and its head in connection with a criminal investigation initiated in Reunion Island inter alia on the grounds of concealment of the illegal acquisition of interests and paying bribes, and obtained a dismissal of the charges.
- We defended the interests of an innovation and advanced engineering consulting company that was a civil party in a case involving fraud and paying and accepting bribes.
- We defended the interests of an officer of a major construction and public works company in a case alleging aiding and abetting bribery, and were able to have the case dropped.
- We defended the interests of a public industrial and commercial establishment in an action filed by a subcontractor whose tender was not selected, and which alleged the illegal acquisition of interests and the granting of unjustified benefits, and obtained a dismissal of the charges.
- We defended the interests of two leading companies in the defence sector in a case alleging the bribery of Taiwanese public officials, and obtained a dismissal of the charges.
- We defended the interests of a leading company in the engineering field in a criminal investigation initiated on the grounds of forgery and use of forged documents and attempted fraud in connection with the actions of a sales consultant acting on its behalf in Russia, and obtained a dismissal of the charges.
- We participated in the defence of the interests of an industrial company in proceedings initiated on the grounds of the bribery of Malaysian public officials.
- We defended the interests of the chairman of several subsidiaries of a leading lifting and handling equipment company who was prosecuted on the grounds of influence peddling and bribery.
- We defended the interests of an officer of an industrial group in a case alleging the bribery of a public official with decision-making authority in Papeete, and obtained a lenient decision.
- We defended the interests of a mayor in a case filed on the grounds of illegal acquisition of interests, and obtained a lenient decision.
- We participated in the defence of the interests of an industrial company in proceedings initiated on the grounds of the bribery of Colombian public officials.
- We defended the interests of two executives of a medical services group who were charged inter alia with the law prohibiting making gifts.
- We advised a leading insurance company concerning an employee who had a conflict of interest.
- We advised an industrial group in connection with the discovery of possible bribes paid to foreign public officials to obtain contracts in Asia.
- We provided legal advice on the possible consequences in France for a major French company if it entered into a Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) with the US DOJ, and monitored the implementation thereof.
- We provided legal advice to a leading defence company on the consequences of bribes suspected to have been paid by a former officer of an entity in which the company was a minority shareholder.

- We provided legal advice to a leading insurance company on the criminal risk it incurred for the offence of private bribery, in the event it entered into a partnership with brokerage firms in which chartered accountants would be partners.
- We provided legal advice to the French distribution subsidiary of a leading Swiss cosmetics group on compliance with French law applicable to commissions paid to its employees, in particular with respect to the offence of bribery of employees.
- We advised a major pharmaceutical laboratory on the compliance of its internal regulations with the anti-bribery statutes.
- We provided legal advice on the offence of money laundering to an international group in the luxury goods sector.
- We provided training to the members of the executive committee of an international agri-food group on anti-bribery statutes in France, the UK and the US.
- We drafted an anti-bribery bill and its implementing decrees on behalf of an African country.
- We participated in the defence of the interests of an industrial company in connection with administrative and criminal proceedings initiated in Brazil after it obtained a major contract.