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Jason Masimore, a former federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice, Southern District of New York, is an experienced trial lawyer and highly sought-after investigator who represents institutions, trustees, politically-exposed persons, and ultra-high-net-worth individuals in complex international criminal and civil matters involving allegations of corruption, fraud and money laundering, including representing those who have been, or expect they might be, sanctioned by the U.S., UK, and/or EU. Testimonials in *Chambers* have described him as a “closer of deals” who is “extremely clever and has a very sharp mind,” “thoughtful and considered, . . . not just a pit bull,” and “tactically one of the best lawyers I’ve come across.” His in-court examinations have been described by *The New Yorker* as “devastating,” and his trial advocacy has been recognized in the book, *Doing Justice*, by former U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, as showing “a masterful understanding of what other people need[] to understand, in an instant.”

Based full-time in London, Mr. Masimore’s work with international private clients and on investigations has involved complex matters across North America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and various offshore jurisdictions, including the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Cook Islands, the Bailiwick of Jersey and the Republic of Seychelles, among others.

Calling upon his experience as a former prosecutor, Mr. Masimore also assists corporate and individual clients in developing international, multi-jurisdictional offensive and counter-offensive strategies in connection with high-stakes business problems as well as in response to allegations of fraud or otherwise of a criminal nature.

Admissions

- Registered Foreign Lawyer, England & Wales
- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District and Eastern District of New York

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, JD, magna cum laude (Order of the Coif)
- San Francisco Conservatory, MM
- Eastman School of Music, BM

Accolades

STEP Private Client Awards 2023/24, International Legal Team of the Year (midsize firm), Shortlist

Select Engagements

- Representation of multiple UHNWIs sanctioned under various political frameworks in connection with delisting efforts, including designing and executing cross-border defense strategies against related criminal investigations and forfeiture attempts in jurisdictions across the world involving over US \$10 billion in assets.
- Representation of the offshore (Caribbean) trustees of over US \$100 million in assets settled by non-U.S. UHNWI indicted in the U.S. by the U.S. DOJ against criminal investigation, seizure, forfeiture and anticipated related third-party claims.
- Representation of a European commodities broker and trading company in defending against reputational attacks and criminal investigations across multiple jurisdictions in Europe, the Middle East and the United States, including allegations of sanctions violations levied by a former business partner who perpetrated a massive fraud netting over \$55 million.
- Representation of former public official in Seychelles against local prosecution for corruption and international asset forfeiture attempts.
- Representation of UHNWI in the Middle East in development and execution of counter-offensive strategies in relation to family dispute over business endeavors worth over US \$250 million.
- Representation of an international private equity fund seeking to recover over US \$100 million in assets lost by alleged fraud by designing proactive out-of-court strategies to multiply effect of international litigation efforts.
- Representation of a litigant in a high-profile U.S. divorce case for purposes of developing and executing counter-offensive strategies.
- Representation of the trustee of a litigation trust overseeing international pre-judgment recovery of over US \$300 million allegedly stolen from a private company that was previously publicly traded.
- Representation of an international private company in connection with international corruption investigations and asset seizures affecting over US \$200 million.
- Representation of one of the largest liquidity providers in the crypto space in connection with simultaneous inquiries by the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Representation of high-profile individual based in EMEA in connection with criminal investigation by the Criminal Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Representation of an UHNWI in the Middle East in connection with allegations of violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) by the U.S. Department of Justice.

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- Representation of a former senior managing director for an international financial services company charged by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) with securities and wire fraud.
- Representation of an EMEA-based company in a multijurisdictional investigation involving allegations of bribery and money laundering.
- Representation of a UK-based futures trader facing criminal and civil charges of commodities manipulation, fraud, and "spoofing" by the DOJ and the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).
- Representation of more than 40 individuals pursuant to a DOJ, U.S. Department of the Treasury (DOT), Federal Reserve, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Division, and New York State Banking Department investigation into alleged violations of various banking regulations and the Iranian sanctions regime.
- Representation of an Asia-based business executive in a multijurisdictional investigation involving allegations of fraud, bribery and money laundering.
- Representation of a family office of an UHNWI located in the Commonwealth of Independent States in relation to allegations of fraud and money laundering.
- Representation of a high-level executive of an automobile manufacturing company in Europe in connection with a cross-border investigation involving authorities in the U.S., UK, the European country and Latin America.
- Representation of a government within the Middle East by assisting its local prosecutors design and execute local and international money laundering investigations and prosecutions related to over US \$10 billion in assets.
- Representation of an international businessman in global legal matters arising out of the "1MDB" matter, which involve criminal charges and civil asset forfeiture proceedings brought by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), as well as additional legal action from authorities located in Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Singapore and various other countries, involving several billions of USD in controversy.
- Representation of UHNWI located in the Commonwealth of Independent States in relation to publicly reported allegations of corruption and related issues with assets positioned internationally.

Professional & Community Involvement

- International Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- European Criminal Bar Association, Member
- European Fraud and Compliance Lawyers, Member
- Extradition Lawyers' Association, Committee Member

Publications & Presentations

- Panelist, "Asset Recovery For Fraud Victims: Pursuing Assets Beyond Brazil" (Kobre & Kim and New York State Bar Association International Section, São Paulo, December 2022)
- Speaker, "Follow the Money! Cross-Border Asset Attack Strategy to Combat Illicit Trade" (2021 PGS Global Brand Innovation Programme, October 2021)
- "Active Investors and Responsible Shareholders Focusing on Compliance" February 2017, Advanced Conference on International Compliance, Legal Risks and Corporate Integrity in Frankfurt
- "Conflict of Interest" June 2017, European Fraud and Compliance Lawyers Conference in Frankfurt
- "Corruption Risks and Pitfalls in M&A Transactions" June 2017, C5 Anti-Corruption London
- "Recent Developments in National Jurisdictions" October 7, 2017, European Criminal Bar Association Autumn Conference in Spain
- "Global Trends in Corporate Criminal Responsibility" May 2018, American Bar Association, Criminal Section Global Corporate Criminal Liability and International Internal Investigations in Frankfurt
- Contributing author, "Securities Regulation and Investigations across EMEA" (The European, Middle Eastern and African Investigations Review, Global Investigations Review, June 2017)
- Author, "How to manage complex cross-border internal investigations" (Global Risk Regulator, March 2017)
- Co-author, "When it comes to the crunch: what to do when you discover bribery in your business" (Fraud Intelligence, October 2016)
- Speaker, "Regulatory Investigations — Reduce the Costs, Minimize the Risks" (Advisen, Webinar, September 2016)
- Speaker, "Lessons Learned from Recent White Collar Trials" (PLI's White Collar Crime 2016: Prosecutors and Regulators Speak, September 2016)