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Benedicte is a financial services regulatory expert with a particular emphasis on enforcement and investigations.

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BACKGROUND

Benedicte read Natural Sciences at Hatfield College, Durham (2001-2004) she graduated with a first class honours degree. She attended BPP Law School in London (2004-2006).

KEY SERVICES

[Financial Services Regulatory
Enforcement and Investigations](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Banks
Banks and other Financial Institutions](#)

EXPERIENCE

Benedicte acts for a variety of banks and other financial institution clients on a range of regulatory and compliance matters. She has significant experience in managing investigations and enforcement proceedings (including the interplay with criminal proceedings) as well as advising on governance and conduct of business issues.

Benedicte has worked on the most high profile independent reviews across the retail banking sector. She also assists clients with notifications to regulators to avoid subsequent enforcement.

Benedicte's significant experience as an advisor on governance is reflected by her roles advising on the regulators' reports into each of RBS and HBOS.

She has also advised a large retail bank in relation to a criminal investigation, including the regulatory impact of the same. Benedicte has recently advised clients on matters including internal disciplinary investigations, consideration of regulatory reporting requirements and multiple systems and controls issues.

Benedicte's experience includes advising:

- in relation to the PRA and FCA's report into HBOS published in November 2015
- a chief executive in relation to a high profile FCA investigation into the individual's fitness and propriety
- a large retail bank in relation to a high profile criminal investigation into former employees and related regulatory investigations
- a large retail bank in relation to an enforcement investigation into former senior executives in order to determine if prohibition proceedings should be commenced against them