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Jacqui advises on disputes, investigations and corporate crime, with particular expertise in anti-bribery and compliance issues.

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BACKGROUND

From mid-2009 to mid-2011 Jacqui was in house litigation counsel with BHP and worked in BHP's offices in The Hague and Melbourne. In 2018/2019, Jacqui spent 6 months as acting VP Ethics & Compliance at BHP, leading the Australian and Group Functions compliance team.

Jacqui is a member of the Law Council's Foreign Corrupt Practices Committee.

Jacqui holds Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) degrees from the Australian National University. Jacqui graduated with a University medal in law and received the Supreme Court Judges' prize.

KEY SERVICES

Corporate Crime and Investigations
Dispute Resolution

KEY SECTORS

Mining
Banks

EXPERIENCE

Jacqui has a track record in assisting clients to resolve disputes and regulatory investigations, and design and implement compliance frameworks to mitigate legal risks.

Co-head of the firm's Australian corporate crime & investigations practice, clients praise Jacqui's "fantastic global knowledge" and find it "reassuring to have someone local with that exposure and experience available."

Jacqui is recognised in Chambers' Asia-Pacific (for her anti-bribery and corruption expertise), Legal 500 (in the areas of regulatory/compliance and dispute resolution), Who's Who Investigations, Best Lawyers (for litigation) and Doyle's Guide (for white collar crime, corporate crime and regulatory investigations).

Across her disputes and investigations work, many of Jacqui's matters have a multi-jurisdictional dimension. She has advised on issues arising in countries across Asia, UK, US, Middle East and Africa.

Jacqui's practice spans both advising on contentious matters, and drawing upon that experience to work with clients on strategies to mitigate legal risks, including through developing compliance frameworks, programs, tools and training, and advising on compliance-related risks within transactional and investment due diligence.

Jacqui brings to clients her globally informed experience in the areas of anti-corruption, trade sanctions, modern slavery and whistleblowing.

Having worked in both in house legal and compliance roles, Jacqui brings together strategic and practical legal advice, strong project management skills and tailored client service.

Examples of Jacqui's experience includes assisting:

- a listed Australian company in a multi-jurisdictional investigation into potential violations of anti-corruption laws involving regulators and enforcement agencies in Australia (AFP) and the US (the SEC and DOJ)
- an Australian headquartered global company on an investigation into potential sanctions violations
- NAB in the Royal Commission into misconduct in the banking and financial services sector
- a listed company with ASIC inquiries and threatened class action proceedings

- a private sector contractor in a public inquiry by the Queensland Crime & Corruption Commission into the corrective services sector
- a global logistics company on investigations into fraudulent practices in an offshore subsidiary
- a global telecommunications company in a coronial inquest focused on the company's policies and systems for handling emergency calls
- various clients on regulatory and compulsory production notices issued by various regulators and authorities, including ASIC and state anti-corruption commissions
- a global company with its worldwide corporate compliance program, focusing on anti-bribery and corruption and sanctions compliance
- major banks in reviewing and establishing whistleblowing frameworks, an anti-bribery program review and sanctions training
- internal investigations including those stemming from whistleblower complaints