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Kyle is the global head of the corporate crime and investigations practice.

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BACKGROUND

Kyle is admitted to practise in Hong Kong, California and New York and is a registered foreign lawyer in England and Wales. Kyle speaks English and Mandarin.

KEY SERVICES

Corporate Crime and Investigations
Fraud and White Collar Crime

KEY SECTORS

Financial Institutions
Energy

EXPERIENCE

Kyle is regarded as one of the Asian market's leading white collar and regulatory lawyers. He has been described as "one of the cornerstones of investigations work in Asia" and "an exceptional lawyer". Kyle has led investigations and compliance projects in more than 40 countries worldwide. He focuses on multi-jurisdictional corruption, money laundering, regulatory, fraud and accounting investigations, as well as corporate governance and sanctions issues involving multinational and major regional corporates.

Kyle has long been ranked as a leading individual by Benchmark Litigation, Chambers, The Legal 500 and IFLR and is a frequent writer and speaker on criminal and regulatory enforcement issues arising in Asian markets. He is the editor of *Halsbury's Laws of Hong Kong - Bribery, Corruption and Organised Crime* and a member of the Editorial Boards at *Global Investigations Review* and *Practical Law China*, among others.

Kyle has advised:

- a global investment bank on a multi-jurisdictional enforcement matter involving its hiring practices in Hong Kong and China
- a Japanese multinational on actions by US and African enforcement authorities with respect to the organisation's business practices in Africa
- the Shanghai listed subsidiary of a US multinational in connection with a financial restatement and subsequent investigations by the China Securities Regulatory Commission and Shanghai Stock Exchange
- an Australian company in connection with an inquiry by a Special Committee of the Hong Kong Legislative Council
- a Chinese state-owned company on a corruption investigation by Swiss authorities relating to the conduct of its Swiss subsidiary in multiple African jurisdictions
- an Asia-based trading platform and money service operator in connection with a review of its activities by multiple Hong Kong government agencies
- a US engineering firm on actions by the Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption relating to the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau bridge project
- a Middle Eastern commercial bank on a money laundering and sanctions-related investigation by authorities in Hong Kong
- a US medical devices company on a corruption investigation by US authorities under the US FCPA into its business practices in China and other Asian jurisdictions
- a global energy company on an investigation into potential implication of the US FCPA and UK Bribery Act on investments in LNG projects in Papua New Guinea
- multiple private equity funds in connection with investigations at portfolio companies in China, India and other Asian jurisdictions

ACCOLADES

- Chambers and Partners – Corporate Investigations / Financial Services Regulatory (2012-2021)
 - International Financial Law Review (IFLR) 1000 – Market Leader (2013-2021)
 - Legal 500 – Leading Individual, Regulatory: Anti-corruption and Compliance (2012-2021)
 - Benchmark Litigation – Litigation Star, White Collar Crime
 - Who’s Who Legal – Investigations / Business Crime Defence
 - Euromoney Best of the Best Global – White Collar Crime
 - *“Among the best in this field worldwide. Much greater practical experience and more hands-on approach than any others I’ve come across.”* Legal 500
 - *A “premier regulatory and white collar lawyer”; he has “a tremendous presence and breadth of experience and is an exceptional technical lawyer.”* Legal 500
 - *“He has seen everything and is the predominant corporate investigations and financial services regulatory lawyer in Asia. He is in big demand for companies, and particularly banks, in crisis situations.”* Legal 500
 - *“One of the cornerstones of investigations work in Asia.”* Chambers and Partners
 - *“The pre-eminent lawyer in Asia for regulatory and criminal matters.”* Chambers and Partners
 - *“He has a tremendous depth of experience, he understands the local enforcement authorities and business culture . . . a calming presence when things are difficult. He is the person you go to in a tight situation.”* Chambers and Partners
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