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## **ROD FLETCHER**

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Rod leads the award-winning Corporate Crime and Investigations practice.

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## **BACKGROUND**

Rod studied law at the University of Birmingham and graduated in 1978.

He represents both corporate and individual clients under investigation by regulators and prosecutors in many jurisdictions, including the Serious Fraud Office, the Financial Conduct Authority, the Department of Justice, the Securities Exchange Commission, the Office of Fair Trading, the Crown Prosecution Service and Revenue & Customs. This work often involves assisting clients with internal corporate investigations.

## **KEY SERVICES**

[Financial Services Regulatory](#)  
[Corporate Crime and Investigations](#)

## **KEY SECTORS**

[Banks](#)  
[Banks and other Financial Institutions](#)

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## **EXPERIENCE**

Rod advises clients on complex national and international investigations and compliance matters. He has helped clients with issues involving the SFO, FCA, OFT, CPS and HMRC in the UK, and the DOJ and SEC in the US. He leads groundbreaking and highly sensitive work, such as the UK's first ever deferred prosecution agreement and the global LIBOR and FX investigations.

Rod heads up the team ranked as top tier in major legal directories for financial crime and investigations work. This team has won several recent awards including Legal Business Disputes Team of the Year 2016 and The American Lawyer's Transatlantic Innovators of the Year 2016.

A recognised expert in his field, Rod is ranked in Band 1 for corporate crime investigation and professional discipline in Chambers UK, as well as for corporate crime work in the Legal 500 UK and for investigations in Who's Who Legal.

Rod speaks and publishes widely, and is a consultant editor for Global Investigations Review. He was appointed a Recorder of the Crown Court in 2003.

Rod's experience includes advising:

- ICBC Standard Bank plc in the UK's first deferred prosecution agreement (also the first resolution of an enforcement action under section 7 of the Bribery Act 2010) following UK and US investigations into suspected bribery in Africa;
- senior members of the money market desk of a major bank investigated by the DOJ, SEC, SFTC, FCA and SFO in respect of the setting of LIBOR;
- clients and individuals in relation to the SFO investigations into Rolls Royce, raising of capital by Barclays, the Bank of England and Tesco plc in 2008;
- various parties in relation to the News International phone hacking investigation; and
- board members of BAE in connection with international investigations.