



## **RS LEGAL STRATEGY LIMITED COMPANY BACKGROUNDER**

RS Legal Strategy Ltd (“RSL”) is a specialist white-collar crime law firm and legal strategy company, with an innovative business model. Cases are led from the outset by experienced Queen’s Counsel (QC). RSL teams are complimented by distinguished solicitors and former senior law enforcement officers who add great value to case analysis and strategy. RSL also acts as a compliance monitor and assists corporates to position themselves to achieve a deferred prosecution agreement or non-prosecution outcome. RSL was established in June 2016 by two well-known white-collar specialists, Mark Rainsford QC and Jason Sugarman QC. It has rapidly expanded and is already a thriving business.

Recent regulatory changes have enabled barristers to run law firms and clients to interface directly with barristers from the moment a legal issue arises. RSL is pioneering in using the barrister-led model, complimented by solicitors and strategy consultants within their team. This maximises the prospects of an early resolution or a positive outcome.

From years of trial experience, RSL’s QCs are able to identify and focus from day one on the issues that will be determinative of the outcome. Former law enforcement officers analyse case, gather defence evidence, devise strategies and assist with the formulation disclosure requests. With unique insight offered by RSL case teams cases are marshalled quicker, and more efficiently, avoiding court proceedings where possible and enhancing the prospects of a successful outcome.

RS Legal offers a unique range of professional expertise under one roof, including former senior law enforcement officers, criminal and commercial solicitors, Queen’s Counsel, junior counsel, and a former senior judge available for corporate clients considering negotiating a deferred prosecution agreement. His Honour Geoffrey Rivlin QC acts as a corporate monitor, a role for which David Kirk, former Director of the Fraud Prosecution Service, and former Chief Criminal Counsel at the FCA, is also available. The experience and seniority of RS Legal’s professionals enables corporate clients to develop effective case strategies from the outset, maximising the potential for the best possible outcome.

Mark Rainsford and Jason Sugarman, who lead the company, have extensive experience in prosecuting and defending the most complex and grave bribery, corruption, fraud and money laundering cases and are both recognised by the UK’s major law directories. Mark Rainsford is recognised as a leading individual QC for proceeds of crime and financial crime cases. RSL also offers a wide range of white-collar legal services, including strategic advice and compliance monitoring from the experienced HH Geoffrey Rivlin QC, former Judge and Special Adviser for the Serious Fraud Office.

RSL recently formed a strategic alliance with Affiliated Monitors, Inc. (“AFI”), the preeminent independent compliance monitoring and evaluation company in the USA, with 700 monitorships under its belt. The alliance will boost the capabilities of both companies, by pooling resources and knowledge for their clients, enabling RSL to collaborate with, and act on behalf of, overseas clients.