

Regulatory and Criminal Investigations Lawyer Sara George to Join Sidley in London

Sara George will join **Sidley Austin LLP** in London as a partner in its Securities and Derivatives Enforcement and Regulatory practice. George was previously a partner at Stephenson Harwood LLP and prior to that, served as a prosecutor for the Financial Services Authority (FSA).

In a release, the firm said George has experience in international regulatory and criminal investigations, particularly in the financial services sector. She advises clients on a variety of matters, including accusations of involvement in regulatory contraventions, market abuse, insider trading, money laundering, fraud, corruption and bribery. The firm said she is recognized for having brought landmark cases, including the first criminal prosecution by the FSA against a director for misleading the market, and the first Listing Rule contravention.

As a criminal barrister, George advocated before the Financial Services Tribunal, the Regulatory Decisions Committee of the Financial Conduct Authority, and the Crown Court and the Court of Appeal. She also has led numerous criminal and regulatory investigations involving the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Department of Justice.

“Sara is well-known and respected for her vast experience and involvement in high-profile criminal and regulatory investigations,” said Tom Thesing, managing partner of Sidley’s London office and a member of the firm’s Executive

Committee. “She symbolizes the premier talent we’ve come to attract in the pursuit of our strategic plan. Sara’s arrival will strengthen our leading global Regulatory and Enforcement client offerings as part of our expanding Disputes team here in London.”