

ELKE SCHAEFER

Elke Schaefer, Attorney at Law and Chartered Surveyor in White-Collar Crime, with more than 17 years of experience in white collar crime investigation and prevention. Elke Schaefer is a member of the executive board of the [Business Integrity Management GmbH](#) and co-founder of the independent fraud risk management firm. Elke is also Partner at [Integrity Europe](#), a cross-border partnership of professional integrity firms.

For several years, until 2005, she held a managerial position in forensics with a major international auditing company.

As a public prosecutor for white-collar crime with the Public Prosecutor's Department of the Berlin Regional Court, she was responsible for complex major court cases and in her capacity as the head of the special legal branch of the Federal Institute for Special Tasks Arising from Unification (Bundesanstalt für vereinigungsbedingte Sonderaufgaben, BvS), the former Treuhand Agency, she was in charge of unification-related white collar crime investigations before taking up employment with the auditing company.

Mrs. Schaefer's tasks include emergency management, fact clarification in white-collar crime and money laundering investigations as well as compliance-related counselling.

Since 2008 Ms Schaefer has been the ombudswoman (whistle-blowing contact) for several large companies in Germany; which includes also her service for financial institutions.

Over and above that, thanks to her expert legal skills and in cooperation with other specialized lawyers, Mrs. Schaefer ensures that all our clients' matters are handled with the utmost efficiency at all times.

Elke Schaefer belongs to the German Judges Association (Deutscher Richterbund) as well as the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (AFCE) and is a member of the German Association of Chartered Surveyors (Bundesverband Deutscher Sachverständiger und Fachguachter e.V.) and of Transparency International Deutschland e.V.

Project experience (examples)

Elke Schaefer has been involved in numerous fraud investigations and fraud prevention consulting projects. Major achievements include:

- Investigation of suspected breach of trust by a member of the management of a well-known German company;
- Investigation into a complex international case of money laundering for the respective regulating authority;

Experience in the area of prevention, compliance and anti money laundering

- Development of data protection-friendly solutions for companies in connection with forensic investigation;
- Conception and implementation of scalable whistle-blowing system for German companies;
- Client support with a view to the implementation of civil and industrial law related measures within the project framework, in particular concerning cases of dismissal on the grounds of suspicion;
- Setting up of a compliance regime which includes the analysis and development of an compliance-strategy relating to areas of management, human resources, finance, sales and procurement; training of staff including creation of customized web-based-training (wbt) modules;
- Preparation and execution of compliance and Anti-Corruption workshops with clients in the field of health and insurance;
- Internal audit support concerning analyses and realization of preventive measures as protection against international white collar crime;
- Development of anti money laundering guidelines in line with a special project contracted by the Principality of Liechtenstein;
- Support of the German Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of the German Federal Bureau of Criminal Investigation (Bundeskriminalamt);
- Litigation Support of national and multinational companies including professional preparation and presentation of evidence in court in close co-operation with the client's attorneys.

Training/ Conferences

- Elke is a renowned trainer in the Anti-fraud- and Anti-Corruption field and is a frequent speaker at Anti-Fraud- and Anti-Corruption seminars of well-known seminar providers.

Professional qualifications

- Chartered Attorney at Law in Berlin, Germany
- Chartered Surveyor in White-Collar Crime

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