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GSC Solicitors Launches Financial Crime & Regulatory Team with Appointment of Leading Defence Lawyer

Specialist City law firm GSC Solicitors LLP has announced the appointment of criminal advocate Khurram Arif, as a Consultant to lead the firm's new Financial Crime & Regulatory team. The firm now has 7 partners and over 35 staff.

Khurram joins the firm from Hodge Jones & Allen where he was a partner in the Criminal Department. He qualified at HJ&A in 2001 and is a Higher Courts Advocate specialising in high profile money laundering and fraud cases often with an international dimension.

He will be responsible for developing the firm's financial crime capability with a particular focus on money laundering, fraud, FSA & SFO investigations, confiscation, seizure & restraint proceedings and, in conjunction with the firm's recently formed international tax team led by Alastair Wilson, complex UK and cross border tax investigations. His work will also integrate with the recent appointment of Barry Samuels to GSC's international dispute resolution team with experience of high level financial services and property litigation.

Commenting on the appointment, GSC Senior Partner Saleem Sheikh said: "We are delighted that Khurram has chosen to join us. His experience of high profile fraud and financial crime will add a new dimension to our litigation practice and his significant expertise in defending against regulatory investigations will provide an invaluable resource for our clients."

Khurram Arif added: "I am delighted to be joining GSC to set up this new Financial; Crime & Regulatory team. We believe there will be a significant market for these services as the regulatory environment tightens in the financial services and other corporate sectors. The firm's commercial, pro-active approach is well suited to my corporate and individual clients."

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