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Forensic and Litigation Consulting

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Education

B.Ec, University of Sydney
L.L.B, University of Sydney
L.L.M, University of Sydney
Master of International
Relations, University of
Cambridge

Certifications

Admitted as a Solicitor of
the Supreme Court of NSW
and High Court of Australia
Certified Fraud Examiner
(CFE)
Certified Anti-Money
Laundering Specialist
(CAMS)

Professional Affiliations

President of the Australia
Colombia Business Council
Former President of UK
Colombia Trade (UKCT)
Member of the ICC
Working Group on Business
and Human Rights –
Geneva
Member of the ICC
Committee on Corporate
Responsibility and Anti-
Corruption – Bogotá

Experience

Cross-Border Disputes
Complex Investigations
Global Risk Management
ESG & Crisis Expertise
Political Risk Analysis

Industries

Energy
Mining
Infrastructure
Pharmaceutical

Michael Cullen has over 25 years of experience, specializing in complex, cross-border investigations, deals and disputes in Latin America. Mr. Cullen helps clients investigate, understand and resolve numerous regulatory, operational, legal, political, social and reputational issues and challenges in the region.

Mr. Cullen regularly works with clients to resolve cross-border conflicts and crises involving Latin America on the most favorable legal, financial and reputational terms. Drawing on a combination of expert witness work, privileged consulting, investigative fact-finding and public relations and message management, Mr. Cullen develops multidisciplinary strategies and tactics to successfully achieve the client's legal and commercial objectives. This includes commercial litigation, class actions, regulatory disputes, and international arbitrations. Mr. Cullen regularly uses this multidisciplinary approach to help clients manage and respond to risks and crises that might arise in their Latin American operations, including around corruption, fraud, political disruption, labor and social unrest, and other related reputational risks and challenges.

Mr. Cullen's recent experience in Latin America includes:

- Leading the most extensive anti-competition investigation in Colombian history on behalf of a large US manufacturing client. The investigation took place over several years and covered multiple Latin American and Caribbean jurisdictions.
- Providing an expert report for external counsel on the corruption, political, security, social and regulatory environment in the oil and gas industry in high-profile multi-billion environmental litigation in South America.
- Advising a leading mining company on political, social and reputational risks around the globe and mapping out key local stakeholders and issues in a multi-billion acquisition.
- Overseeing complex investigations into alleged corruption and serious manipulation of records in the Andean region on behalf of a leading US pharmaceutical company.
- Developed compliance programs and conducted anti-corruption workshops and employee trainings for a wide variety of clients with international operations in complex and opaque jurisdictions.

Awards & Recognitions

Member of the **Most Excellent Order of the British Empire** in the Queen's New Year 2020 Honours List for his commercial and charitable work in Colombia over the course of a decade.