

# London Office Managing Partner Christine Braamskamp Quoted in *Law360* on Criminal Probe Risk for Manchester City

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London Office Managing Partner Christine Braamskamp shared her insights with *Law360* on the hurdles any criminal investigation would face after an independent Premier League commission found that Manchester City used "sham" agreements to disguise owner funding as sponsorship income.

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Christine explained that applying criminal law in a sporting context could be difficult, since prosecutors would need a deep understanding of the Premier League across multiple seasons in order to prove the required gain by Manchester City or a loss to other Clubs. She noted that the League has no established route for referring its decision to a prosecutor, and that any prosecution would have to prove the case anew; it cannot rely on the commission's findings. Christine concluded that the most likely consequences for the club are sporting sanctions and civil claims rather than a criminal case.

Christine co-chairs the firm's Investigations, Compliance, and Defense and Culture Risk and Sensitive Investigations practices. A former barrister, she leads highly complex criminal, reputational, and regulatory matters.

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