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“He is very hard-working, conscientious and thorough. He has a very quick legal mind, and he will assess all the possible methods by which a prosecution can be toppled, and a defence case won”

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Anthony is one of the UK’s most pre-eminent and highly regarded white-collar and corporate crime solicitors, with extensive experience of defending individuals and businesses in complex cases.

He has an unrivalled reputation as ‘the go-to solicitor to knock a case out at investigation stage and avoid trial’, having an enviable success record second to none.

Recently, Anthony has advised on some of the major investigations brought by UK regulators including the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) investigations into Rolls Royce, Una Oil, Tata Steel and Capita Oak.

In the last two years, he has been instrumental in bringing three major financial crime prosecutions to an end before trial, often exposing grave failings by prosecutors and resulting in millions of pounds of defence costs being awarded against the Crown.

He has had notable success in some of the largest and high-profile cases brought by regulators including the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), Office of Fair Trading now the Competition and Markets Authority (OFT/CMA) HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Anthony is praised by clients and peers for his technical expertise and tactical acumen – providing clear and prompt strategic advice to high profile individuals and corporates. His expertise includes tax investigations both civil and criminal, corporate fraud, bribery and corruption, money laundering, company internal investigations, cartel and price-fixing, extradition, competition (antitrust law) and corporate manslaughter. Many of his cases have a multi-jurisdictional element.

Anthony has been consistently recognised nationally as a ‘leader in the field’ by respected legal guides such as Chambers UK for more than a decade. He has occupied the ‘first tier’ in areas as ‘criminal fraud’, ‘financial crime’ and ‘cartel investigations’ for several years.

Anthony qualified as a solicitor in 1997 and was offered partnership upon qualification. He joined Pannone in 1998 and was head of its 30-strong Regulatory Investigations team before the firm was acquired by Slater & Gordon. Under his leadership, the regulatory team became a national player with an excellent reputation in this area. Anthony also managed a division with more than 60 lawyers and held a seat on the Pannone board.

He founded Barnfather Solicitors in 2015 and now focusses his niche practice on advising and acting for senior individuals such as executive and non-executive board members, leading entrepreneurs and high net worth individuals involved in challenges to corporate governance regimes and regulatory investigations.