

U.S. Charges a Corrupt Colombian Anti-Corruption Official and His Co-Conspirator

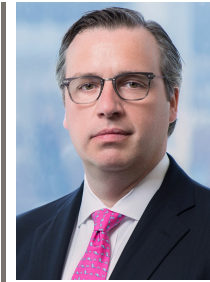
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Martin Bloor, a member of Cozen O'Connor's White Collar Defense & Investigations Practice, discusses the implications of a case involving the former National Director of Anti-Corruption in Colombia and a Colombian lawyer's guilty pleas to charges of conspiracy to launder money with the intent to promote bribery. The case is significant because it demonstrates the willingness of the DOJ to pursue corrupt officials from foreign countries and reveals lessons about the cooperation both between and among domestic and foreign law enforcement agencies.

Considering that “[a]n anti-corruption prosecutor was soliciting bribes from a subject of an anti-corruption investigation, including providing information about the sources of information being provided against the subject, these facts call into question the overall commitment by the Colombian anti-corruption prosecutors to the enforcement of Colombian anti-corruption laws,” Bloor said.

Bloor added “[t]hat the DOJ was able to obtain pleas from a corrupt attorney and a corrupt anti-corruption prosecutor in Colombia can be viewed as a ‘win’ for the DOJ as it lends further support to the DOJ position as a strong force on combatting corruption globally.”

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