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SUMMARY

Christopher Sidler is a managing director and a leader of BRG's Financial Institution Advisory practice. He specializes in financial crime compliance, with a focus on Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-money laundering (BSA/AML), sanctions, export controls, fraud, and anti-bribery and corruption.

Mr. Sidler helps financial institutions and fintech firms to solve complex regulatory and operational challenges in the financial crime space. His expertise includes leading responses to enforcement actions involving rapid-action planning, remediation, and ongoing regulatory engagement. He works closely with clients to evaluate and enhance their financial crime programs by constructing operating models for effective governance, assessing risks and controls, designing processes that integrate emerging technologies and advanced analytics.

Mr. Sidler has overseen and executed large-scale know-your-customer (KYC) due diligence reviews and transaction monitoring and Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctions lookbacks covering, among others, correspondent banking and trade finance.

Before joining BRG, Mr. Sidler was at Promontory Financial Group for thirteen years in the United Kingdom and the United States, where he most recently co-led the financial crimes compliance practice in the Americas.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Sidler worked with the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office in Tanzania through the UN Association in Canada. There, he supported the One UN change initiative as the UN piloted the transformation of its strategy, budget, and program at the country level.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Managing Director
Promontory Financial Group, co-leader of financial crimes compliance practice for the Americas
Washington, DC

Junior Professional Consultant
United Nations Association in Canada
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Teaching Assistant
Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada

EDUCATION

M.Sc., Environment and Development
The London School of Economics and Political Science, 2007

B.Com., Finance
Queen's University (now Smith) School of Business, 2002

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist ("CAMS")
Member, Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists ("ACAMS")

PUBLICATIONS

SELECTED ARTICLES

Financial Crimes Monitoring Challenges During Pandemic, Bloomberg Law, April 2020

New Regulatory OFAC Guidance: Mitigating Risk with an Effective Program for Sanctions Compliance, Promontory Vantage Point, May 2019

Building the Innovation Agenda for AML Compliance: Regtech and Suptech as Co-Creators, Promontory Currents, May 2019

Accelerating the Innovation Agenda for AML Compliance, Promontory Currents, December 2018

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Innovation in Financial Crime Compliance, Delivered to Florida International Bankers Association, June 2020

Building an Effective Sanctions Compliance Program for Banks, Delivered to Mexican Bankers Association, October 2019

The Emergence of Regtech & the Future of Regulatory Compliance, Delivered to Money20/20, October 2018