PROSECUTING WHITE COLLAR CRIME

LESSONS FROM ABROAD

PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES

- Volume of Documents
- Multiplicity of Sources
- Lack of Third Party Disclosure
- Problems of Evidence
- DPP v O'Mahony & Daly [2016] IECCA 111

LAW REFORM COMMISSION

- ISSUES PAPER ON REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AND CORPORATE OFFENCES 2016
- WHETHER A SYSTEM OF DEFERRED PROSECUTION AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN AN IRISH CONTEXT AND IF SO WHAT OVERSIGHT PROTECTIONS SHOULD BE PUT IN PLACE

THE US PERSPECTIVE

- LONG HISTORY OF NON- PROSECUTION AGREEMENTS/DEFERRED PROSECUTION AGREEMENTS
- CALLS FOR GREATER FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL OFFENDERS AS SET OUT IN THE YATES MEMO
- NEW REGIME MAY ADOPT GREATER FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL OFFENDERS

THE UK PERSPECTIVE

- INTRODUCED INTO LAW BY THE CRIME AND COURTS ACT 2013 AND ENACTED IN 2014
- SFO v STANDARD BANK
- SFO V XYZ
- SFO v ROLLS ROYCE
- SFO v TESCO STORES LIMITED

DPAs in IRELAND?

- LEVEL OF JUDICIAL SCRUTINY?
- COST EFFICIENCY?
- GAME THEORY IS IT ATTRACTIVE FOR THE COMPANY OR DOES IT DETER MEANINFUL COOPERATION?
- LORD LEVESON'S VIEW IN ROLLS ROYCE ON WHERE THE COMPANY'S INTEREST LIES