

Case studies

The case studies referred to throughout this book are particularly important as they provide real world examples of different forms of corruption, judicial processes, and penalties. They have been selected to provide a global perspective as highlighted in the following table.

Table 1: Case studies of corruption reported by judiciaries and the media

No.	Description
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4.2(d)	International – Unaoil Iraqi construction contracts, Serious Fraud Office, UK, June 17, 2021
4.3(b)	Dublin, Ireland – Criminal gangs threaten to burn equipment and attack workers if developers don't pay, <i>Irish Sun News</i> , February 19, 2023
4.3(c)	International – Modern slavery alive and well, United Kingdom – Construction companies must act – Report reveals 33 businesses paid criminal gang who exploited victims of modern slavery, Hope for Justice, May 5, 2022
4.4(c)	Japan – Road builders fined for cartel, Japanese road builders to face record ¥60 billion fine for forming cartel to fix asphalt prices, Competition Policy International, June 25, 2019
4.6(h)	Australia – “Ghost” shifts: Big build invoicing claims referred to police, <i>The Age</i> , May 26, 2023
5.3(a)	Philippines – Reclamation projects halted, Corruption issues force PRRD to halt reclamation projects, <i>Philippine News Agency</i> , June 25, 2021
5.3(e)	New Zealand – All three Bridgecorp directors found guilty, Stuff Co New Zealand, April 5, 2012
5.3(f)	CBD Campus Darwin, Australia – Architecture firm facing legal action over alleged ‘bid rigging’ in CDU city campus tender by ACCC, <i>NT Independent News</i> , September 29, 2022
5.3(i)	New York, USA – Massive kickback scheme uncovered, DA Bragg, DOI Commissioner Strauber, NYPD Commissioner Sewell announce indictment in massive construction industry kickback scheme, New York City Department of Investigation, January 18, 2023
5.3(k)	Hong Kong – Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge, Eleven in HZMB Project false concrete test records case have sentences increased up to two years’ jail after review, ICAC-HK, July 2, 2021
6.2(a)	US – Real estate developer bribes politician, US Attorney’s Office, Central District of California, November 10, 2022
6.2(b)	Australia – ICAC finds former roads employees benefit from corruption, ICAC-NSW, March 7, 2023
7.3(a)	Italy – Construction crisis leaves many questions unanswered, Mafia firms generally use poor materials and perform shoddy job to extract a quick profit, <i>World Finance</i>
7.3(b)	India – Sand mafias’ influence, India’s sand mafias have power, money and weapons, <i>Le Monde</i> , September 12, 2022

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No.	Description
8.1(c)	US – Enterprise corruption construction fraud case, The mix design scheme, District Attorney – New York County, August 4, 2011
8.2	International – Road modernization fraud, European Public Prosecutor’s Office, January 10, 2023
8.3(a)	US – Conviction of an excavation company supervisor, Department of Investigations, City of New York, November 2016
8.5(c)	Syria – Earthquake, Syrians blame regime corruption, substandard housing for heavy quake toll, <i>Al-Mashareq News</i> , March 9, 2023
8.9(c)	China – Crack down on Chinese sealant fakes, Dow Corning battles counterfeiters of its silicone sealants, <i>Security Magazine</i> , August 16, 2014
8.10(a)	US – Management and maintenance fraud, False Claims Act settlements and judgments exceed \$2 billion in fiscal year 2022, Office of Public Affairs, US Department of Justice, February 7, 2023
8.10(c)	US – Falsified maintenance testing at nuclear power plants, US Department of Justice, January 25, 2024
9.5(a)	International – Deaths from building collapses in earthquakes, Corruption kills, <i>Nature</i> , January 12, 2011
10.2(b)	International – Siemens case, United States of America versus Siemens (Department Sentencing Memorandum), US Department of Justice, December 12, 2008
10.2(d)	International – Largest foreign bribery case in history, Odebrecht and Braskem plead guilty and agree to pay at least \$3.5 billion ..., US Department of Justice, December 21, 2016
10.3(a)	US – Manipulated profit margins, SEC charges infrastructure company Granite Construction and former executive with financial reporting fraud, US Securities and Exchange Commission, August 25, 2022
10.4(f)	Australia – ACCC alleges cartel behavior, Record penalties in concrete price-fix case, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), December 4, 1995
11.3(c)	International – Philanthropists and corruption, ‘These are charity’s most wanted’, <i>Town and Country Magazine</i> , March 31, 2016
12.4(d)	International – Corrupt payments revealed, Warning issued to Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd, Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, Singapore, December 23, 2017
12.6(c)	International – Contracting giant embroiled in Ecuadorian scandal, Worley stung by tribunal findings in corruption case, <i>The Australian</i> , January 8, 2024
13.1(c)	India – Whistle-blower murdered, Unheard success story of Satyendra Dubey who was killed for raising his voice against corruption, <i>VTV India</i> , October 9, 2020