

The Sensitivities OF DISCOVERING INFIDELITY



Conflict Marbella is the new dedicated consultancy service in the region from Conflict International who, from their head office in London, specialise in providing bespoke intelligence, investigation, security and risk advice services to clients worldwide.

Through a network of experienced professionals based locally, Conflict Marbella has the ability to tap into the resources of its parent company which has extensive experience in many jurisdictions, particularly when it comes to matrimonial issues. They pride themselves on professional and discreet assistance when it comes to investigating potential infidelity and child custody matters.

Conflict Marbella director, Mike LaCorte, says very often time is of the essence and they are ready to act at short notice. *"Only recently we had someone call us to say their partner had gone to a hotel overseas and they had some concerns. So we had a team on the ground within two hours and monitored the subject who then flew back to the UK. Our team followed and handed over to our British guys and we carried on monitoring throughout. People want answers pretty much there and then, and we do all we can in order to mobilise quickly."*

The way surveillance is carried out has changed enormously in recent years and advances in digital technology allow the client to be kept up to date far more easily. Using the latest high definition covert surveillance equipment, any evidence can be passed back directly from almost anywhere in the world.

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BETTER TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH

Uncovering matrimonial issues is clearly a sensitive area and Mike says although they are brought into a difficult situation, there is often a certain peace of mind of sorts when suspicions are either confirmed or ruled out. *"Once the call is made there is certainly an issue. There are obviously questions that someone cannot answer themselves, and they have no means of finding out, so that's where we come in."*

If an affair is discovered and the other party moves towards divorce proceedings, there are often additional investigations that take place, which Conflict have many years of experience in carrying out. Mike says: *"Depending on the extent of the assets shared between both parties, more often than not there is an issue of one of the spouses hiding assets and we are brought in to find what is being hidden. We always work with*

Mike LaCorte, a founder of Conflict International has over 20 years experience in the investigation industry. He has been instrumental in drawing a number of high profile corporate and private investigation cases to a conclusion and his expertise in gathering legally admissible evidence is highly regarded. Mike speaks English, Spanish and Italian, and was elected 2nd Vice President of the World Association of Detectives in 2015.

the knowledge of what evidence is needed to be admissible in future court proceedings, so everything we do is compiled into a report which can be passed on to a legal team for further action."

"We are also asked to compile co-habitation reports if it is believed a spouse is living with a third party. This can have an effect on the custody of a child or maintenance payments, so reliable evidence in this area is key."

All investigations are carried out in full accordance with international standards and respect of human rights established by the UK's Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act and The Human Rights Act.



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INTERNATIONAL ELEMENT TO INVESTIGATIONS

The ability to liaise with colleagues in other countries is becoming more important in the world of surveillance and investigation. As people begin to live their lives more internationally, it is now vital to be able to access local knowledge in many jurisdictions around the globe. "We very often work with experienced investigators based in the country they are working in," Mike added. "Not only because they know their own patch better than we ever can, but also with an eye to making sure we have someone on the

ground who has full knowledge of the law in that country."

"One of the key strengths of Conflict Marbella is that anyone who gets in touch will not only have access to our team based in the region who can carry out an investigation for them quickly and efficiently, but they can also activate an international dimension to that investigation easily by drafting in the resources of our parent company, Conflict International."

Mike and fellow director Jon Fawcett are both full members of the World Association of Detectives, a global body formed to uphold the standards of the profession. Mike is also now a vice-president, alongside membership of other reputable associations such as the ABI, WAPI and CII.

"Making that first call when there are signs of trouble in a relationship is always difficult," says Mike. "But it is often better to confirm or allay suspicions rather than allow them to make matters worse."

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