

# Recovering the proceeds of corruption: an overview

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Victim states seeking to recover the proceeds of corruption, or compensation for corrupt acts, may have a choice of mechanisms to do so: criminal, civil and non-conviction forfeiture. Each mechanism has advantages and disadvantages, and the “right” route for a particular case depends on the circumstances. Flexibility is key, and any substantial programme is likely to deploy all of the available mechanisms. Indeed, many successful individual cases have used two or more mechanisms to maximise recoveries.

Cooley’s briefing, “*Recovering the proceeds of corruption: how states can recover stolen assets*” outlines and discusses the recovery options, and the factors that a state should consider when choosing between them. It is available [here](#).

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