

QEB HOLLIS WHITEMAN

CRIME FRAUD REGULATORY



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Chambers UK (2009)

QEB Hollis Whiteman is widely recognised as one of the leading sets of barristers' chambers in the country. We specialise in crime, fraud and regulatory law.

The set has 55 members, with 14 Queens' Counsel. Our members include Senior Treasury Counsel, Junior Treasury Counsel, Standing Counsel to HM Revenue and Customs and 13 Recorders including 1 Deputy High Court Judge.

We provide advocacy and advisory services in all areas of criminal and regulatory law. Our barristers defend and prosecute in many of the country's most significant and high-profile cases.

Our barristers are regularly invited to speak at conferences and seminars. We also offer bespoke training in specific areas of law or practice for our clients or professional groups.

QEB Hollis Whiteman offers four pupillages each year and a program of mini-pupillages. We offer an award to a law undergraduate at UCL, which consists of a weeklong mini-pupillage and a weeklong judicial pupillage.

We are fully committed to providing a first-class, client-focused service. Our clerks and administrators are professional and flexible, and known for their helpfulness and good, clear communication.

QEB Hollis Whiteman has been awarded the nationally accredited Community Legal Service (CLS) Quality Mark.

CRIME

QEB Hollis Whiteman is proud to be acknowledged as one of the finest criminal barristers' chambers in the country.

Our core practice is providing specialist advocates who prosecute and defend in trials of serious, complex and high-profile crime, in all courts from Magistrates' courts to the House of Lords. Our focus on this area and the breadth of our expertise make us the chambers of choice in this field.

Our barristers advise upon and act in the most serious of cases, including murder, terrorism, corporate manslaughter, serious sexual offences, war crimes and serious & organised crime, including drugs cases and robberies. Our cases regularly feature on the front pages of national newspapers.

We also welcome private instructions in smaller but no less important cases: for example, we regularly appear in all types of road traffic-related cases.

Notable cases

The 'Baby P' trial
Royal Family blackmail
Tonbridge Robbery
Terrorist plot to blow up aeroplanes
The 'Bus Stop Murderer'
The Cash for Peerages enquiry
The London nail bomber

Notable individuals

Anthony Glass QC, William Boyce QC and Mark Ellison QC remain outstanding in this field, complemented by the likes of David Jeremy QC.

Edward Brown QC as Senior Treasury Counsel and Zoe Johnson, Adrian Darbshire and Julian Evans as Junior Treasury Counsel continue to prosecute in the most serious cases.

Edward Henry, Benn Maguire, Paul Raudnitz and Phil Evans continue to increase their reputations, particularly within defence work. Linda Strudwick remains in constant demand.

Jocelyn Ledward, Ben FitzGerald and Philip Stott are 'up and coming' individuals within crime.

FRAUD

QEB Hollis Whiteman has a long-standing reputation as one of the leading barristers' chambers for criminal fraud and we are consistently ranked as such in the leading legal directories.

As an indication of our expertise in this area, our former Head of Chambers, Vivian Robinson QC, has been appointed General Counsel to the Serious Fraud Office from Spring 2009.

Our barristers have been involved in all of the best known criminal trials for serious fraud – such as Guinness, Blue Arrow, Maxwell, BCCI and the Jubilee Line extension – and continue to be involved in the most significant fraud trials of the present day.

Our barristers offer expertise in a range of services from advisory work to representation at trial; they are experienced in managing complex cases that overlap with civil and commercial law.

We are frequently instructed to prosecute and defend in complicated money-laundering cases, in particular those involving multiple jurisdictions. We are experienced in the international rules and procedures on evidence, and can provide representation in mutual assistance matters.

Notable cases

Blue Arrow
'Versailles' Fraud
BCCI
Harroviaan Fraud
Barlow Clowes
Frank Warren VAT fraud
Atlantic Computers

Notable individuals

David Evans QC, Anthony Glass QC, William Boyce QC, Mark Ellison QC, Peter Finnigan QC, Tom Kark QC and Sean Larkin QC continue to be regarded as outstanding. Mark Ellison QC, Adrian Darbishire and Jocelyn Ledward defended in the first landmark case for cartel fraud.

Bridget Petherbridge, an ex-solicitor, is 'one to watch'. She was involved in the Generics case, the largest ever SFO prosecution and the first attempt to prosecute price-fixing as conspiracy to defraud and to prosecute entities for offences of specific intent within the pharmaceutical industry.

David Groome enjoys an unrivalled reputation in trading standards work and, along with Ari Alibhai, specialises in prosecutions involving the infringement of intellectual property rights.

REGULATORY

Our knowledge and skill in directly relevant areas of crime and fraud enhances our regulatory practice and sets us apart from our competitors.

Our members regularly appear before disciplinary tribunals (police, solicitors, courts martial and other professional disciplinary tribunals) and regulatory authorities, including the General Medical Council, the FSA and sports governing bodies. We are highly respected in our work in trading standards and intellectual property and have a particular reputation in the field of healthcare regulation.

All of our regulatory practitioners are members of 'ARDL' – the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers.

We have particular expertise and experience in the regulation of the healthcare professions. Our strong team of regulatory and disciplinary healthcare specialists regularly provide advice and representation at every stage of proceedings before the majority of the healthcare tribunals.

We are highly competent in the complex area of financial regulation. Our barristers have been involved in ground-breaking investigations and are well placed to advise on the approach and attitude of the regulator.

We also have a strong reputation for advising and representing both police and the Serious Organised Crime Agency under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act.

Notable cases

C v Investigatory Powers Tribunal
Dr Evans-Appiah
Dr Raj Persaud
Mr Stephen Walker
Security Industry Authority cases

Notable individuals

Rebecca Poulet QC, Tom Kark QC, Sarah Plaschkes, Jane Sullivan, Lydia Barnfather, Selva Ramasamy and Heather Norton are regarded as exceptional within healthcare regulation.

Jeremy Donne QC and Sean Larkin QC appear regularly before tribunals and speak at professional events on regulatory matters. Julian Evans, Rebecca Harris and Alexandra Felix have increased practices prosecuting in healthcare regulation, while Linda Strudwick and Adrian Darbishire are highly regarded for their defence work.

Mark Aldred, an ex-police officer, brings particular expertise to our Police Disciplinary Tribunals work and is a RIPA specialist.

Management Team

Rebecca Poulet QC, Head of Chambers, is highly rated for her ability to handle major cases. She specialises in both prosecuting and defending serious heavyweight crime and prosecuting within the regulatory environment.

David Jeremy QC, Head of the Management Committee, is regarded as a renowned prosecutor and formidable defender.

Clerking team

The clerking team at QEB Hollis Whiteman has a reputation for providing an excellent client service. The clerks are widely acknowledged to be both approachable and extremely efficient.

The team is led by Martin Secrett who has over 25 years' clerking experience. He and his team are fully committed to maintaining high standards of efficiency and quality.

	Call	Silk
Rebecca Poulet QC	1975	1995
Peter Whiteman QC	1967	1977
Robin Grey QC	1957	1979
Anthony Glass QC	1965	1986
John Hilton QC	1964	1990
Peter Kyte QC	1970	1996
William Boyce QC	1976	2001
Jeremy Donne QC	1978	2003
David Jeremy QC	1977	2006
Mark Ellison QC	1979	2008
Edward Brown QC	1983	2008
Peter Finnigan QC	1979	2009
Tom Kark QC	1982	2010
Sean Larkin QC	1987	2010

Anthony Wilcken	1966	
Linda Strudwick	1973	
Ian Paton	1975	
David Groome	1987	
Sarah Plaschkes	1988	
Edward Henry	1988	
Heather Norton	1988	
Roger Smart	1989	
Zoe Johnson	1990	
Paul Wakerley	1990	
Lydia Barnfather	1992	
Selva Ramasamy	1992	
Adrian Darbishire	1993	
Benn Maguire	1994	
Paul Raudnitz	1994	
Philip Evans	1995	
Mark Aldred	1996	
Julian Evans	1997	
Rebecca Harris	1997	
Susannah Stevens	1997	
Natasha Tahta	1998	
Jocelyn Ledward	1999	
Alexandra Felix	1999	
Ben FitzGerald	2000	
Lucy Kennedy	2000*	
Karen Robinson	2000	
Bridget Petherbridge	2000*	
Ari Alibhai	2003	
Philip McGhee	2003	
Kerry Broome	2003	
Philip Stott	2004	
Joanna Warwick	2004	
Tom Baker	2004	
Fraser Coxhill	2004	
Adam King	2005	
Caoimhe Daly	2005	
Rachna Gokani	2006	
Paul Rooney	2007	
Jim Wormington	2007	
Tom Broomfield	2007	
John Lynch	2008	

* Former Solicitor

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