

Christopher Bertham

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Christopher Bertham is an experienced specialist in defending serious cases.

Christopher is regularly instructed as Leading Junior counsel in the most challenging trials. Without being led, he has successfully defended allegations of terrorism, attempted murder and firearms offences, as well as fraud and financial crime. He is sought after and respected for his commitment to achieving the best results for his clients.

Christopher continues to be ranked as a 'Leading Junior' in both Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500.

Expertise

Terrorism

He has successfully defended in allegations of international terrorism. His most recent success was securing acquittals on all charges for a defendant who was alleged to have organised the funding of terrorism in Syria.

Notable Terrorism cases

R v Z

allegations of organising and funding terrorism in Syria.

R v A

alleged IRA funding and cash forfeiture proceedings.

Murder & Manslaughter

He has an impressive record of success with challenging homicide cases.

Notable Murder & Manslaughter cases

R v AD

Acquitted of murder and attempted robbery of a wealthy Saudi student in Knightsbridge.

R v AT

Acquitted of the murder of a student in Wembley.

R v AA

Acquitted of charges of attempted murder of a police officer and possession of firearms with intent to endanger life.

R v RY

Acquitted of the murder of a man in Harlesden killed in a shooting with a machine gun.

Organised Crime

He is renowned for defending those accused of serious organised crime. He has successfully represented defendants accused of people trafficking, kidnapping, drug conspiracies, modern slavery offences and blackmail.

Notable Organised Crime cases

R v DB

Double kidnapping, false imprisonment and blackmail allegations. Acquitted on all charges.

R v TD

Acquitted of supplying drugs and Modern Slavery offences.

R v HN

Acquitted of conspiring to supply 10kg cocaine. £1.35m of cocaine was seized by the NCA in Operation Volata after an attempt to import it from the Netherlands.

Fraud

He is a leading junior in fraud and financial crime cases. He has represented directors and other employees in the most high profile and challenging cases involving multi-million pound conspiracies to defraud.

Notable Fraud cases

R v CS

Leading Junior counsel for a company director acquitted in an alleged fraud concerning £5m of grants obtained from the E.U. Commission and Welsh Government, and a VAT fraud. The companies were alleged to have been traded fraudulently with a view to securing the grants dishonestly.

R v N

Represented a defendant charged with a £10m land banking and carbon credits fraud. A jury acquitted N of allegations of Conspiracy to Defraud following a trial that lasted for more than two months.

R v M

Instructed as led Junior representing a defendant charged with banking and mortgage frauds valued at £4.3m. The Crown claimed that the defendant had obtained loans and mortgages fraudulently from banks and mortgage lenders in order to purchase or re-mortgage a large number of properties.

Bribery & Corruption

He has represented directors of companies who have been charged with high-value bribery & corruption offences.

Notable Bribery & Corruption cases

R v LW

Allegations of Bribery and Theft. The case involved bribes and payments of £800k from sub-contractors for the awarding of contracts from the London Borough of Hackney fire improvement works.

Corporate

He has represented companies that have been charged with Health and Safety, VAT, fraud and Housing Act offences.

Notable Corporate cases

WHBC v. L. Ltd

Housing Act offences. Failure to comply with health and safety and fire regulations.

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Lawyers for Liberty

Awards

