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IAN WHITEHURST

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME - CV

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Education

University of Hull, LLB (Hons) (1993)

Appointments

Disclosure Counsel for Serious Fraud Office (SFO)
Level 4 Prosecutor (Crown Prosecution Service)
Specialist Rape Panel (Crown Prosecution Service)
Licensed Advocate Isle of Man (2012)



RECOMMENDATIONS

"A very good performer. He is fearless and defendants love him. He will get stuck in but knows when not to lock horns with witnesses. A very good tactician."

Chambers UK Bar Guide [2017]

"Highly experienced in serious organised crime cases."

Legal 500 [2016] - Crime - Tier 1

PRACTICE

Ian has spent many years defending and prosecuting serious organised crime most notably gang related homicide, large scale drug conspiracies, corruption cases, conspiracy to supply firearms and armed robberies. Through exposure to this type of work, he has developed an extensive knowledge of disclosure, covert surveillance, jurisdictional issues and an intimate knowledge of the principles surrounding the court's discretionary powers to exclude evidence and stay proceedings.

Ian also has extensive experience in all matters relating to fraud and other financial misconduct in particular MTIC Vat Fraud, Tax Fraud, Money Laundering, False Accounting and Banking Fraud. He also has a detailed knowledge of all aspects of confiscation law and has advised individuals, companies and prosecuting authorities in this area as well as lecturing and writing articles in this field. In recent times, Ian has developed an advisory practice in relation to aspects of tax law and the penal consequences for companies and individuals involved in aggressive tax avoidance schemes.

Ian has lectured to the CPS, SFO & BIS (Govt Dept of Business, Innovation & Skills) in relation to the Proceeds of Crime Act & Ancillary Relief & Third Party Rights in confiscation cases.

RECENT CASES

R v S (2017) – R v S – instructed to prosecute a case involving the use of IEDs in relation to organised crime activity.

R v H (2017) – instructed as led junior counsel for the defence to advise on appeal against conviction in large scale drugs conspiracy involving issues of material non-disclosure in the proceedings.

R v J (2016) – instructed for the defence in large scale conspiracy to supply Class A drugs and money laundering offences in the North East of England.

R v G (2016) – major investigation by National Crime Agency (NCA) into organised crime group (OCG) based in Merseyside involved in nationwide supply of Class A drugs. The case involves extensive covert intrusive surveillance against the OCG.

R v LT (2016) – instructed as prosecuting leading junior to prosecute large scale drugs conspiracy based extensively on telephony evidence.

R v H (2016) – instructed by the defence in relation to multi kilo importation of Class B drugs from the Far East.

R v M (2016) – instructed to represent defendant in large scale conspiracy to supply class A drugs brought by the National Crime Agency in the North West of England.