

Editors' Choice - Criminal Law Chambers of the Year in England



Furnival Chambers

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Furnival Chambers is a leading criminal set with Oliver Blunt QC and Sally O'Neill QC as joint heads of chambers. There are over ninety members of chambers with a rich diversity in both gender and ethnic origin. Over one third are women with five female QC's amongst its fourteen silks.

The set specialises in serious and organised crime, terrorism, sexual offences, financial crime and asset forfeiture, extradition and regulatory/disciplinary cases. Members are renowned for appearing in high-profile cases for both the prosecution and defence at trial, in the Divisional Court, Court of Appeal, Privy Council and the Supreme Court, as well as the European Court of Human Rights and regulatory/disciplinary panels. A 'go to' set for serious, complex cases and those involving novel law.

Serious and organised crime: The News International phone hacking and corruption (Operation Elveden) trials, the Hatton Garden Jewellery raid, the Stephen Lawrence murder, the Millennium Dome conspiracy, 'Europe's

largest drugs conspiracy', the murder of PC Sharon Beshenivsky, the murder of Sarah Payne, 'Baby P', the £50m Tonbridge robbery, the 'Witchcraft murder', death row appeals and Official Secrets Act Trials.

Terrorism: The London Tube Bombing, the Gloucester shoe bomber, the first Al Qa'eda funding prosecution post -9/11, the Afghan Stansted hijacking, the 'Ricin' conspiracy, Al Qa'eda, Iran and Syria-related cases and IRA trials in the past.

Sexual Offences: Operation Yewtree cases, the prosecution of Rolf Harris, the Oxford sex ring, Deep Cut, the 'West End mini cab rapist', the M25 rapist, the DJ rapist, the Steve Cook trial and historically R-v-Dica.

Financial Crime and asset forfeiture: Members act for and against the SFO, FCA (FSA), CPS, UKBA, the police, HMRC and public companies and individuals in international/multi-jurisdictional proceedings. Cases include the UBS rogue trader (Adoboli), Goldman Sachs and professional cricket 'spot-fixing'.

Extradition: members advise and represent individuals and foreign governments. Cases include the 'biggest military computer hack of all time' into computers at NASA and the Pentagon, *Nikonovs v HMP Brixton* regarding retention of habeas corpus and 'Hound of Hounslow' flash crash trading case. A number of members appeared in *Goluchowski* and *Sas v Poland* before the Supreme Court.

Regulatory and disciplinary: Chambers has vast experience in cases before the GMC, NMC (including the Morecombe Bay Healthcare Trust case), GOC and SRA. Members also appear before the coroners court, public enquiries, mental health review tribunals, the British Boxing Board of Control and Football Association regulatory commissions.