



Julian Christopher QC

1988 (QC 2010)

Julian Christopher has considerable experience in defending and prosecuting a wide range of general crime, with a particular emphasis on tax fraud; he has also applied the same analytical and advocacy skills to civil proceedings for fraud, the confiscation of the proceeds of crime, and advising or representing those served with third party witness summonses. Before taking silk he was Standing Counsel to the Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office for five years, prosecuting cases involving the creation and promotion of income and corporation tax evasion schemes, drugs importation cases brought on behalf of the Serious Organised Crime Agency, and cases involving diversion fraud, evasion of VAT or Anti-Dumping Duty, and money laundering. He has also been instructed by the SFO, the MHRA, and the OFT (in relation to cartels).

Julian also lectures on Privilege and Disclosure, teaches Advocacy for Gray's Inn, and is a contributing editor to Archbold (in respect of the chapters on Trial, Privilege and Disclosure, and Offences under the Theft & Fraud Acts).

"He is without doubt a superstar fraud silk of the future. His grasp of the law and facts in a case is second to none"

- Chambers UK (2015)

Notable Cases

R v Perrin and others The prosecution of the promoters of a series of tax schemes which relied on false claims for tax relief on donations of shares to charities, by which over £200m of clients' income and profits were to be sheltered from income and corporation tax.

R v Sutton and others Prosecuting the evasion of £1½m in anti-dumping duty on Chinese pipe fittings.

R v Jaffery and others Prosecuting the laundering of over £40m of criminal property, in cash, by a Money Service Business.

R v Green and others Defending a lobster fisherman charged with the importation of 250kg of cocaine fished out of the middle of the English Channel.

R v Kedar and others Prosecuting 12 defendants engaged in the importation of 12 tonnes of cannabis resin hidden in the fresh water tanks of a tugboat.

R v Leaf Prosecuting fraudulent company purchase schemes involving the evasion of £50m in corporation tax.

Also defending a 15 year old girl charged with the murder of her newborn baby; and defending a “whodunit” murder involving contested statistical evidence.

Education/Professional

BA (Hons) Criminal Bar Association

Advocacy Trainer, Grays Inn

Contributing Editor, Archbold