

Trevor Burke QC



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Details of practice

Trevor Burke QC is a highly renowned practitioner at the Criminal Bar, once mooted as "the next George Carman". His practice is wide-ranging and encompasses serious crime, fraud and professional discipline, as well as regulatory law. He has appeared in many leading and high profile cases as can be seen from the Notable Cases list. Trevor's practice has an increasingly international element and he regularly undertakes advisory work in the USA, Northern Ireland and the Cayman Islands, where he has a growing practice as a crime, fraud and money-laundering specialist.

Trevor's main areas of practice are:

General crime:

- Murder
- Drug related offences
- Corruption
- Money laundering
- Serious sexual offences

White collar crime:

- Fraud civil and criminal
- VAT fraud
- Market manipulation
- Disqualified directors
- Insider dealing

Disciplinary matters including:

- Doctors
- Dentists
- Solicitors

Regulatory law:

- Consumer protection
- Health and safety
- Product liability, including cases in the magistrates' courts, crown courts and divisional court concerning EU directives on toy safety, voltage, labelling

Cayman Islands

- Money laundering
- Serious crime including murders and drug related cases
- Corruption
- Enforcing Foreign Judgements
- Commercial and civil fraud

Directory recommendations

"an eloquent and stylish silk at the top of his game." **Chambers UK 2016: Crime**

A highly respected financial crime expert with over two decades of experience in this area. Has a thriving practice in revenue fraud, insider dealing and market abuse cases. He's got a brilliant legal mind and is extremely quick to get to the point. He's a leading jury advocate." **Chambers UK 2016: Financial Crime**

"Delivered unquestionably the courtroom address of the year defending former Sun chief reporter John Kay. ... Burke represented more journalists than any other counsel in leading the fight back for press freedom which forced the CPS to drop virtually all the outstanding Operation Elveden cases against newspaper reporters". **The Progress 1000: London's most influential people 2015 - Law**

"Regularly appears in big cases in the Cayman Islands" **The Legal 500 2015: Fraud**

... "the 'celebrated' Trevor Burke QC, who is known for his 'winning way' with juries" ... **Who's Who Legal 2014**

'His tactical reading of a case is of the highest order.' *'He is held in high regard by professional and lay clients and is a first-rate advocate.'* *'Very avuncular, very accessible and immensely skilled'* **Chambers UK 2015: Crime**

'He is well known, very able and has great experience.' **Chambers UK 2015: Financial Crime**

'One of the calmest and most effective advocates of his generation.' **The Legal 500 2014: Fraud**

"His thriving practice encompasses a wide spectrum of serious criminal offences, including sexual and drugs offences. Commentators highlight his first-rate judgement". "He is a fantastic trial lawyer, who is a brilliant cross-examiner. He knows when to go an when not to go ahead with questions" **Chambers UK 2014: Crime**

"Comes recommended for his judgement, advocacy and case management skills." *"Smart and sensible."* **Chambers UK 2014: Fraud**

"Judges adore and juries admire" Trevor Burke QC, say those that instruct him. Seen as a man on the rise, he handles an increasingly broad spectrum of work that takes in serious crime, civil and criminal fraud, and professional discipline matters. International advisory work also forms part of his practice. In the Cayman Islands he has been involved in a prosecution arising out of Operation Tempura, the unlawful arrest of a High Court Judge. **Chambers UK 2013: Crime**

Trevor Burke QC is an expert on all varieties of criminal fraud including MTIC, VAT and advance fee frauds. He recently acted for one of the defendants in a £500 million metal markets invoicing fraud. Solicitors like him not just because he is "smart and sensible," but also because "he increases the comfort of defendants as he has a manner in court which makes him come across as just an ordinary person." **Chambers UK 2013: Fraud**

"Several sources highlight Trevor Burke QC as their 'silk of choice,' and he is a regular sight across the fraud, regulatory and criminal areas." **Chambers UK 2012: Crime**

"Trevor Burke QC is seen as a real catch for the set and as someone whom judges really warm to." **Chambers UK 2012: Fraud**

"Trevor Burke QC is praised by sources for his 'razor-sharp style and wonderful presentation'. He has a strong domestic practice, but is also seen to be conducting cases overseas." **Chambers UK 2011: Crime**

"Trevor Burke QC has vast experience of both crime and fraud cases, and is noted for his 'easy manner' and ability to make simple, comprehensible and, above all, effective submissions'." **Chambers UK 2011: Fraud**

"Trevor Burke QC 'does not waste his words, he commands respect from everyone and has a lovely way of approaching either a co-defendant or the prosecution'." **Chambers UK 2010: Fraud**

"one of the most able and razor sharp barristers practising at the criminal bar today. His style is modest easy and tactically very appropriate" **Chambers UK 2009: Crime**

"a class act who never wastes a question. Everything his says is beautifully pertinent and juries love him." **Chambers UK 2009: Fraud**

"Trevor Burke QC is a rock in defence who has represented a number of famous names. He never puts a foot wrong and impresses with his dedication to a case." **Chambers UK 2008: Crime**

Education/professional qualifications

BA Hons (Law)
Called 1981
Queen's Counsel 2001

Other information

Member of the South Eastern Circuit
Member of the Criminal Bar Association

Direct access

Trevor Burke QC is qualified to accept instructions from clients under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme. This means that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come direct to him. In addition, he welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions direct to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme.

For further information please contact our Clerks.

Notable cases

Fashanu, Grobbelaar and others

Football corruption

Nigel Benn

Allegation of assault

Terry Marsh

Allegation of student fraud

Gary Glitter

Allegation of rape, downloading child pornography

Peter Buck (REM)

Endangering an airplane

Marlon King

Assault

Jonathan King

Costs

Taylor sisters

Murder conviction overturned, non-disclosure and adverse press reporting

Terry Adams

John Hasse

Alleged corruption of a former Home Secretary to secure a Pardon

David Gunn

Trusthorpe contract killing

White Collar Crime

Padelis

Large scale fraud on the Health Service by a locum supply company

J Patel

London Metal Market advance fee fraud

This multi-handed case involved a worldwide conspiracy to defraud which resulted in a \$600M loss to various banks and lending institutions. Mr Patel was the Senior Vice President of Structured Finance at RBG, a company involved in buying and selling all types of metal. The allegation was that the company set up false commodity trade finance programmes and invoicing schemes which resulted in payments being made on the strength of invoices when no metal in fact existed. During the trial it was necessary to cross-examine witnesses who worked for: RBG; the lending institutions; the insurers; the liquidator as well as all the auditors of RBG and from other various institutions. Mr Patel was the only defendant against whom the Judge ruled at the conclusion of the Prosecution case that there was insufficient evidence to go to the Jury and verdicts of not guilty were entered at half time.

Kounnou

Insurance fraud

Bank of America

Fraud

Cayman Islands

Euro Bank Corporation

\$250,000,000 money laundering allegation. Trial lasted almost 11 months stayed as an abuse of process.

Civil fraud arising out of insurance claims as a result of **Hurricane Ivan**.

Republic of Ireland

Instructed in the appeal of Dundon and McCarthy the nephews of a euro lottery winner who wished to appeal a murder conviction.

Advised an Irish company who were involved in complex business deal in Africa involving oil and arms dealing, advice involved both UN sanctions and avoiding any suggestion of corruption