

Jonathan Ashley-Norman QC

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Jonathan Ashley-Norman QC is a specialist in law enforcement in a corporate setting.

He defends, prosecutes and advises individuals and corporates caught up in regulatory and criminal investigations.

He has advised and defended people from all walks of corporate life and all manner of businesses. His business regulatory and crime work often requires him to master other legal disciplines including employment, insolvency, competition, pensions and many other areas.

His experience as both a prosecutor and as defence counsel makes him a popular choice for private prosecutions.

Before taking silk, he was Standing Counsel to the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy and a member of the Attorney General's A List of Prosecutors, and consequently instructed to prosecute in the most serious of cases. He retains prosecution instructions at the highest level.

He has a substantial health and safety practice, prosecuting and defending in cases brought by the Health and Safety Executive and the Office of Rail and Road.

He has advised people and corporates under investigation and prosecution by the Competition and Markets Authority, the Environment Agency, the Financial Conduct Authority, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, the Insolvency Service, local authorities, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, the National Crime Agency, Ofcom, the Serious Fraud Office, Trading Standards and many other agencies. He has been instructed by many of those agencies too.

Most of Jonathan's business crime work necessarily involves suspected money laundering and he frequently helps with the strategic decisions around Suspect Activity Reports.

His offshore practice, especially on the Isle of Man and Gibraltar, has left him familiar with labyrinthine offshore structures, and securing or tearing aside the corporate veil.

He has extensive experience of confiscation work, both defending and prosecuting, including successfully resisting the repatriation of offshore funds, the protection of the interests of third parties and litigating civil recovery orders.

Business Regulatory & Crime

Jonathan has defended and advised in fields as diverse as anti-dumping duty on lever arch files, Caribbean property schemes, carbon trading, chicken slaughtering, dot.com bubbles, estate agency, football transfer schemes, land registration fraud, lettings premiums, the on-line sale of contact lenses, post office fraud, telephone premium lines, town and country planning, waste disposal, wine importation, and many others.

Notable Business Regulatory & Crime cases

- **Tescos**

Jonathan directed the strategy for a senior executive which headed off disciplinary proceedings, ensured severance on favourable terms and deflected SFO interest.

- **Viagogo**

Jonathan advised on a strategy to secure Viagogo compliance with the terms of an Enterprise Act court order and drafted the documents which delivered the strategy.

- **Telecoms**

Jonathan has advised major telecom businesses about their potential criminal liability and advised on regulator engagement accordingly.

- **Fulfilment Houses**

Jonathan secured the acquittal of fraud offences of the director of a major importer operating a fulfilment house business model.

Health & Safety

Jonathan has prosecuted and defended in any number of health and safety related cases in sites as diverse as breweries, building sites, care homes, country fairs, fun fairs, meat rendering works, ports, schools, welders and many more.

Notable Health & Safety cases

- **BUPA**

Jonathan prosecuted BUPA following a death in a care home.

- **Babcocks**

Jonathan defended this engineering company following an injury on rail related works.

- **Veolia**

Jonathan prosecuted Veolia following a death at a waste transfer plant in Kent. A fine of £1 million was imposed.

- **London Underground**

Jonathan has prosecuted London Underground in separate cases, one involving maintenance staff at a disused tube station, the other a runaway train on the Northern Line.

Private Prosecutions

Jonathan's long and varied experience in both prosecuting and defending business regulatory and criminal work makes him a popular choice for instructions in private prosecutions.

Notable Private Prosecutions cases

- **C Limited v L Limited**

Jonathan advised upon the institution of proceedings against L Limited for offences arising out of the purchase and sale of coal mining assets in Siberia.

- **H Limited v L**

Jonathan advised upon and secured the quashing of the summons issued against his client following the launch of judicial review proceedings.

- **S v AAM**

Jonathan advised a private prosecutor in proceedings arising out of the 'fake Saudi princess' case.

- **K v H & Others**

Jonathan acted for the private prosecutor at the costs stage of proceedings related to a multi-million allegation of property fraud against professional advisors.

Money Laundering & Confiscation

Jonathan has had a long interest in the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, drafting part of the Criminal Bar Association training when the Act was first introduced. It has played a major part of his practice ever since, often taking him to the Court of Appeal in cases involving the evasion of excise, quotas in fishing, wine fraud and theft and others. Jonathan continues to lecture and write in this field.

Notable Money Laundering & Confiscation cases

- **SARS**

Jonathan has advised domestic and off shore banks, trusts and lawyers about their reporting obligations and guided the steps to be taken accordingly.

- **R v Ghulam, Ghulam & Butt**

Jonathan appeared in the Court of Appeal in a case dealing with the protection of third party interests in confiscation proceedings.

- **SFO v Saleh**

Jonathan appeared for the wife of a senior African diplomat said to have received shares in an oil prospecting company pursuant to a corrupt arrangement.

- **R v Alan Yeomans**

Jonathan advised in complex confiscation proceedings where both the prosecution and the receiver had an interest in the proceeds of confiscation.

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Health & Safety Lawyers Association
- Licensed advocate (for particular purposes) on Isle of Man

Education

- Exeter University, LLB
- Bar finals

Appointments

- Standing Counsel to Department for Business for Energy and Industrial Strategy
- 'A' List of the Attorney General's Unified List of Prosecuting Advocates
- Recorder of the Crown Court 2010 and sits regularly
- SFO List of Counsel (A panel) 2013
- SFO PoCA List (A Panel) 2013

- Queen's Counsel 2016

Other Information

Regularly writes and lectures on diverse criminal law topics, especially concerning fraud, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act and the Proceeds of Crime Act .

Accreditations

