

Nicholas Yeo KC

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Nicholas Yeo is a leading criminal practitioner with particular expertise in financial crime, the proceeds of crime and investigative powers.

He is the Legal 500 ‘**Criminal Junior of the Year 2018**’.

Crime

Recent serious fraud cases include representing a corporate executive in the *Barclays – Qatar fraud*, a company director accused of insider dealing and money laundering in the FCA “*Operation Tabernula*” trial, acting for a former Goldman Sachs banker accused of money laundering in the *Ibori litigation*, acting for a former chief executive in the *Torex Retail* fraud prosecution, and advising suspects pre-charge in the *Unaoil investigation*.

Recent investigative powers matters include acting for the wife of the former Deputy Chief of Mission for Chad in the USA in her appeal against the refusal to discharge a £4.4m freezing order in *Serious Fraud Office v Saleh* (CA) [2017] Lloyd’s Rep. F.C. 177, assisting the FBI in a billion dollar global anti-corruption investigation and acting for the British Airline Pilots Association in connection with the Shoreham Air Crash.

Recent Proceeds of Crime work include representing a senior New York based Barclays trader in confiscation proceedings following the *Libor fraud trial*, acting for a Nigerian Limited Company in a \$1bn corruption investigation (*Malabu Oil and Gas Ltd v DPP* [2016] Lloyd’s Rep. F.C. 108) and representing a car salesman in an appeal against confiscation in a leading confiscation case *Scott King* [2014] 2 Cr. App. R. (S.) 54.

Recent judicial review instructions include *R (Chief Constable of Cleveland Constabulary) v Police Appeals Tribunal* [2017] I.C.R. 1212 on Article 8 in discipline proceedings, *R (Hewson) v Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis* regarding

harassment notices and *R (O) v Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis* re time limits on police bail.

He is currently acting for the former chief executive of Barclays wealth and investment management in the Barclays-Qatar capital raising trial.

He has particular expertise in the following areas:

- **Anti-money laundering:** he appeared for the Crown in the leading case on particularity of conduct in money laundering (*Anwoir* (CA) [2009] 1 WLR 980) (Archbold [26-11]). He regularly advises companies on their obligations under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and the Money Laundering Regulations.
- **Cash Forfeiture:** He was in the leading case of *Perinpanathan* (CA) [2010] 1 WLR 1580. He regularly acts for businesses affected by cash forfeiture.
- **Civil recovery:** *Serious Organised Crime Agency v O'Docherty* (Court of Appeal (Civil Division) [2013] EWCA Civ 518) and *Serious Fraud Office v Saleh* (CA) [2017] Lloyd's Rep. F.C. 177.
- **Criminal matters arising in civil litigation:** *Cherney v Deripaska* – \$4bn civil claim between Russian businessmen (part of D's counsel team)
- **Contempt:** *Serious Organised Crime Agency v O'Docherty* (Court of Appeal (Civil Division) [2013] EWCA Civ 518)
- **Company prosecutions:** experienced in defending businesses accused of wrongdoing in respect of Companies House and Department of Business prosecutions.
- **Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** Advising on data protection aspects of criminal, professional discipline and investigations cases
- **Drugs offences:** *Flook* (CA) [2010] 1 WLR 980 involving many container loads of cocaine (which is a leading case on third party disclosure (Archbold [12-51]), particularly in the context of material held by foreign non-EU agencies (Archbold [12-100])); *R v Herbert Austin*: massive cocaine smuggling;
- **Investigatory Powers Act 2016**
- **Mutual legal assistance** He has made numerous applications on behalf of the CPS and subjects of applications including *CPS v Mubarak* (Foreign confiscation order against son of former head of state).
- **Private prosecutions:** acting for the prosecution in private prosecutions.
- **Sexual Offences:** including historic allegations and indecent images.
- **Trading Standards:** *R (Donnachie) v Cardiff Magistrates' Court* [2007] 1 WLR 3085 (the leading case on time limits in trading standards cases) and *R (Donnachie) v Cardiff Magistrates' Court* [2009] EWHC 489 (Admin)
- **VAT and tax cases:** He has been instructed in many cases before the First Tier (Tax) Tribunal including the David Jacobs litigation, one of the largest ever VAT cases.

Notable Crime cases

- **R v Perkins (2017)**
Representing the director of a public relations firm accused of a £700,000 tax fraud.
- **R v Goonatilaka (2017)**
Representing a man accused of historic sexual offences.
- **R v Marianayagam**
Representing a Sri Lankan businessman and director of a money service bureau, accused of tax fraud and the

laundering of over £7m through his business.

- **R v Flook [2010] 1WLR 980**

Allegation of £113m Drug smuggling. In the Court of Appeal and retrial. A leading case on third party disclosure.

- **R v Anwoir [2009] 1 WLR 980**

Particularity of conduct in money laundering.

- **R v Flynn [2008] 2 Cr App 20**

Robbery with a firearm. A leading case on identification by voice.

- **Operation Alpine**

First prosecution of Internet Service Provider for providing access to indecent images of children.

- **R v Mintchev [2011] Crim LR 483**

Grievous bodily harm. A leading case on the automatic deportation provisions.

Financial Crime

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He is currently instructed in the London Capital and Finance case.

Notable Financial Crime cases

- **Barclays-Qatar Fraud**

Acting for the former head of wealth in the trial of allegations relating to the 2008 capital raising fraud.

- **Serious Fraud Office v Saleh (CA) [2017] Lloyd's Rep. F.C. 177**

Acting for the wife of the former Deputy Chief of Mission for Chad in the USA in her appeal against the refusal to discharge a £4.4m freezing order.

- **R (SFO) v Moore (the Torex Retail Plc litigation) (Oxford Crown Court)**

Advising and representing (with Hugo Keith QC) a former CEO of this Public Limited Company in a prosecution for falsely inflating the company's interim results.

- **R v Preko (the Ibori Litigation) (Southwark Crown Court)**

Representing a former Goldman Sachs investment manager accused of laundering the assets of a corrupt Nigerian State Governor through London.

Sanctions

Nick has detailed knowledge of the *Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018* and various sanctions regimes made thereunder, including the current *Russia Sanctions EU Exit Regulations 2019*. He advises upon the application for these provisions in particular in the context of financial transactions and the operation of trusts.

Professional Discipline and Police Law

Nicholas Yeo is a leading police law barrister and much sought after to represent police officers nationwide in disciplinary proceedings and in criminal proceedings before the Crown Court. He has acted for over 100 police officers in the last few years.

He has particular knowledge of the application of Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights as applied to the private life of police officers. He recently represented a former police inspector in *R (Chief Constable of Cleveland Constabulary) v Police Appeals Tribunal [2017] I.C.R. 1212* which is now the leading case on the topic.

He recently acted for a custody sergeant accused of lying about the circumstances of a death after recent contact with police.

He regularly acts for the MPS Commissioner in search and seizure matters.

Notable Professional Discipline and Police Law cases

- **R (Chief Constable of Cleveland Constabulary) v Police Appeals Tribunal [2017] I.C.R. 1212**

Representing a police inspector accused of breaching professional standards by lying to fellow senior officers about a private illicit relationship in order to protect other parties involved. The Inspector was reinstated by the PAT and successfully resisted a judicial review of that decision on the basis of the violation of his right to a private life.

- **Re Police Sergeant KH**

Representing a police sergeant accused of unlawfully authorizing a strip search and advising the interested party in the subsequent attempting judicial review.

- **Re Detective Constable CD**

Representing a sexual offences investigations officer accused of forming an inappropriate sexual relationship with a former teenage victim. The case involved an analysis of what was proscribed by the MPS in this regard and the right of free association between the two parties, under Article 8.

- **Police Sergeant S**

Acting for one of four police officers accused of systemically abusing the MPS overtime policy within the TSG group.

Inquests & Inquiries

Nicholas Yeo acts for police services and other interested parties in inquests. Recent work includes the Inquest touching upon the deaths of Zohra Amrani and Hassan Amrani, on behalf of a police sergeant who granted bail to the man who went on to murder his mother and father, before killing himself. He is currently instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service in the inquest touching upon the death of Jermaine Baker who was shot by specialist firearms officers as he and his accomplices were attempting to assist the escape of Izzet Eren whilst on his way to Wood Green Crown Court.

Notable Inquests & Inquiries cases

- **R (on the application of Secretary of State for Transport) v HM Senior Coroner for Norfolk [2016] Inquest L.R. 243, [2016] A.C.D. 118**

Representing the British Airline Pilots Association, before the Lord Chief Justice, in its opposition to the disclosure of material protected under the Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accidents and Incidents) Regulations 1996.

- **Inquest touching upon the death of Sean Cunningham**

Acting for Lincolnshire police in an inquest into the death of a Red Arrows pilot when his ejector seat malfunctioned.

- **Inquest touching upon the deaths of Zohra Amrani & Hassan Amrani**

Representing a police officer who granted bail to a man who went on to murder his mother and father, before killing himself.

- **Inquest touching upon the death of Jermaine Baker (on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service)**

Representing the MPS in an inquest into the death of Jermaine Baker who was shot by an officer of the Metropolitan Police Service Specialist Firearms as he and his accomplices were attempting to assist the escape of Izzet Eren, who was being held on remand at HMP Wormwood Scrubs accused of gun offences, from a prison van going to court.

Extradition and International

Nicholas Yeo acts for the person sought, the judicial authority and the requesting state in extradition cases, at first instance and on appeal. He advises on cross-border evidence gathering and mutual legal assistance. He has written various articles on extradition and lectures on the subject.

Recent cases include acting for a British man sought by USA in relation to a payment card fraud commenced in the Netherlands, and a Turkish national sought by Germany for offences for which he had already been prosecuted and effectively pardoned in Turkey.

Notable Extradition and International cases

- **Jethwa v United States [2012] EWHC 31 (Admin)**
Representing a British resident accused of stealing credit card details in the Netherlands for use in USA (Particulars of conduct).
- **Germany v Altun [2011] EWHC 397 (Admin)**
Representing a Turkish national who had been prosecuted in Turkey for robbery with a firearm offence committed in Germany (Double Jeopardy).
- **R (Atkinson) v Commissioner of Police & Others (2010)**
Judicial Review of decision to extradite.
- **Bogdani v Albania [2008] EWHC 1550 (Admin)**
Representing an Albanian national sought for drug trafficking offences for which he had been tried and convicted in his absence.

Public and Administrative

Nicholas Yeo acts for claimants and respondents in judicial review proceedings. He has particular experience in matters arising out of due criminal process, professional discipline and licensing decisions.

Recent cases include acting for the CPS in a judicial review and habeas corpus application relating to the legality of magistrates' decision to remand in absence, a judicial review of a decision to extend custody time limits.

Notable Public and Administrative cases

- **R (on the application of Hewson) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2018] 4 W.L.R. 69**
Acting for the Metropolitan Police Commissioner defending a claim that a prevention of harassment letter sent to a

practicing barrister breached her rights under ECHR art.8 or art.10 and was procedurally unfair.

- **R (Chief Constable of Cleveland Constabulary) v Police Appeals Tribunal [2017] I.C.R. 1212**
Representing a police inspector accused of breaching professional standards by lying to fellow senior officers about a private illicit relationship in order to protect other parties involved. The Inspector was reinstated by the PAT and successfully resisted a judicial review of that decision on the basis of the violation of his right to a private life.
- **R (on the application of Duff) v Secretary of State for Transport [2015] R.T.R. 28**
Acting for a certified bailiff in his judicial review of the Secretary of State's refusal to provide him with data from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Association.
- **R (on the application of Bednash) v Westminster City Council [2014] EWHC 2160 (Admin) [2014] L.L.R. 755**
Judicial Review of a refusal to transfer a premises license in respect of the La Pigalle nightclub.
- **R (on the application of Perinpanathan) v City of Westminster Magistrates' Court (CA) [2010] 1 W.L.R. 1508 [2010] 4 Costs L.R. 481**
The proper approach to costs in magistrates' court civil proceedings.

Licensing

Nicholas Yeo acts for applicants, responsible authorities and licensing authorities in all areas of licensing.

Recent cases include acting for the Metropolitan Police in a variety of applications to review premises licences and for the applicant in a judicial review of a decision of Westminster City Council to refuse to renew a licence.

Regularly appears before licensing sub committees and magistrates courts, and has acted in the High Court on behalf of clients bring judicial review claims.

Notable Licensing cases

- **R (on the application of Bednash) v Westminster City Council [2014] EWHC 2160 (Admin) [2014] L.L.R. 755**
Judicial Review of a refusal to transfer a premises license in respect of the La Pigalle nightclub.
- **Re Ivy Bar & Grill**
Acting for local residents in their opposition to the grant of a new restaurant license.
- **Essence**
Judicial review of the refusal by RB Kingston Licensing Committee to renew a nightclub licence due to allegations of serious disorder. Judicial review on the basis of apparent bias by the legal adviser and on the basis of fundamental procedural error in the submission of the application under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

- **Re Flex Nightclub**
Closure order.
- **R (Lule T/A Pier One Night Club) v Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis**
Legality of closure orders under the Licensing Act 2003.
- **R (Cummings) v Cardiff County Council**
Judicial Review of decision to refuse the grant of a Hackney carriage licence.

Regulatory Enforcement

Nicholas Yeo has particular experience of trading standards matters and criminal offences arising out of licensing matters.

He recently acted for an individual who operated a household maintenance firm accused of gross over charging and “rogue trading” in one of the largest local authority prosecutions ever brought.

Notable Regulatory Enforcement cases

- **R v Joseph Henry Lee (2012)**
Advising and representing the first defendant in one of the largest ‘rogue trader’ prosecutions ever brought by a local authority.
- **R (Donnachie) v Cardiff Magistrates’ Court [2007] 1 WLR 3085**
Time limits in trading standards cases.
- **R (Donnachie) v Cardiff Magistrates’ Court [2009] EWHC 489 (Admin)**
Territorial limit of local authorities’ enforcement power.
- **R v Hutchins (Sabrewatch)**
Long running SIA prosecution.

Notable Cases

Crime

R v Perkins
(Southwark Criminal Court (2017))

Representing the director of a public relations firm accused of a £700,000 tax fraud.

R v Nathaniel Navaratnam

(Southwark Crown Court (2017))

Representing a Sri Lankan owner of a bureau de change, accused of money laundering through his stall in Paddington.

R v Goonatilaka

(Harrow Crown Court (2017))

Representing a man accused of historic sexual offences.

R v Prasad

(Lewes Crown Court (2017))

Representing a man accused of possession of class A drugs and perverting the course of justice by framing his girlfriend and colleagues

R v Cox

(Central Criminal Court (2017))

Representing a member of the Metropolitan Police Service Diplomatic Protection Command accused of encouraging attempted child grooming online.

R v Murfitt

(Inner London Crown Court (2017))

Representing a company director accused of defrauding an investor in Kenyan property.

R v Boorman

(Southwark Criminal Court (2017))

Representing a company director accused of a £2.6 million fraud relating to mobile phone contracts.

R v Couzens

(Central Criminal Court (2016))

Representing company director accused of abusing his position in a large City firm by taking a cut of each of his team's fees.

R v Anton Marianayagam

(Snaresbrook Crown Court)

Representing a Sri Lankan businessman and director of a money service bureau, accused of tax fraud and the laundering of over £7m through his business.

R v Mayuran Kuhathasan

(Southwark Crown Court)

Representing an account director of a leading international telecom airtime provider accused of laundering £10.5m of cash through payments for airtime.

SFO v Moore (the Torex Retail Plc litigation)

(Oxford Crown Court)

Advising and representing (with Hugo Keith QC) a former CEO of this Public Limited Company in a prosecution for falsely

inflating the company's interim results.

R v Preko (the Ibori Litigation)

(Southwark Crown Court)

Representing a former Goldman Sachs investment manager accused of laundering the assets of a corrupt Nigerian State Governor through London.

R v Mintchev

(Court of Appeal ([2011] Crim LR 483))

(*Archbold* [5–1267])

Grievous bodily harm. A leading case on the automatic deportation provisions.

R v Flook

(Court of Appeal ([2010] 1WLR 980))

(*Archbold* [12-51] and [12-77])

Allegation of £113m Drug smuggling. In the Court of Appeal and retrial. A leading case on third party disclosure.

R v Anwoir

(Court of Appeal ([2009] 1 WLR 980))

(*Archbold* [26-11]) (with Simon Farrell QC)

Particularity of conduct in money laundering.

R v Flynn

(Court of Appeal ([2008] 2 Cr App 20))

(*Archbold* [14-71]–[14-74])

Robbery with a firearm. A leading case on identification by voice.

Operation Alpine

First prosecution of Internet Service Provider for providing access to indecent images of children.

Professional Discipline and Police

R (Chief Constable of Cleveland Constabulary) v Police Appeals Tribunal

[2017] I.C.R. 1212

Representing a police inspector accused of breaching professional standards by lying to fellow senior officers about a private illicit relationship in order to protect other parties involved. The Inspector was reinstated by the PAT and successfully resisted a judicial review of that decision on the basis of the violation of his right to a private life.

Inner Circle

Representing eight police officers accused of sending inappropriate text messages in two week-long discipline hearings.

R (X) v IPCC

Advising firearms officers of Northumbria police on the IPCC investigation into a fatal shooting.

Cyril Dyke

Representing a sexual offences officer accused of forming an inappropriate sexual relationship with a former teenage victim. The case involved an analysis of what was proscribed by the MPS in this regard and the right of free association between the two parties.

PS Sheppard

Acting for one of four police officers accused of systemically abusing the MPS overtime policy within the TSG group.

Inquests

Inquest touching upon the deaths of Zohra Amrani and Hassan Amrani

Inquest representing a police officer who granted bail to a man who went on to murder his mother and father before killing himself.

Inquest touching upon the death of Anthony Coughtrey

Acting for a custody sergeant who was said to have filed adequately to record relevant risk factors.

Inquest touching upon the death of Jermaine Baker

On behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service

Representing the MPS in an inquest into the death of Jermaine Baker who was shot by an officer of the Metropolitan Police Service Specialist Firearms as he and his accomplices were attempting to assist the escape of Izzet Eren, who was being held on remand at HMP Wormwood Scrubs accused of gun offences, from a prison van going to court.

Inquest touching upon the death of Sean Cunningham

Acting for the police in an inquest into the death of a Red Arrows pilot when his ejector seat malfunctioned.

VAT & Missing Trader Intra Community Fraud

R v John Nsimbi

(Croydon Crown Court (2013))

Representing a Ugandan businessman accused of setting up a web of fraudulent companies for the purpose of defrauding HMRC of VAT.

Demazda International UK Limited v The Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs

[2012] UKFTT 615 (TC)

Advising and representing the taxpayer in an appeal against a direction given under Schedule 11 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994

Roohop Ltd v HMRC

Acting for an alcohol wholesaler before the First Tier Tribunal in an appeal against refusal of approval under the Alcohol Wholesaler Registration Scheme in the *Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979*.

Civil

Cherney v Deripaska

\$4bn claim in the Commercial Court, which settled in 2012 (D's counsel team led by Tom Beazley QC)

Serious Fraud Office v Saleh (CA) [2017] Lloyd's Rep. F.C. 177

Acting for the wife of the former Deputy Chief of Mission for Chad in the USA in her appeal against the refusal to discharge a £4.4m freezing order

Re ABC

Acting for a stationery company in an allegation of fraud.

Civil Recovery and Asset Forfeiture

Serious Organised Crime Agency v O'Docherty

(Court of Appeal (Civil Division) [2013] EWCA Civ 518)

Representing a Spanish Property developer in civil recovery and associated contempt proceedings before the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

Serious Organised Crime Agency v OO

(High Court)

Civil recovery proceedings following acquittal in the Crown Court

Extradition

Jethwa v United States

(High Court ([2012] EWHC 31 (Admin))

Representing a British resident accused of stealing credit card details in the Netherlands for use in USA (Particulars of conduct).

Germany v Altun

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Representing a Turkish national who had been prosecuted in Turkey for robbery with a firearm offence committed in Germany (Double Jeopardy).

R (Atkinson) v Commissioner of Police and Others

(High Court) (2010)

Judicial Review of decision to extradite.

Bogdani v Albania

(High Court [2008] EWHC 1550 (Admin))

Representing an Albanian national sought for drug trafficking offences for which he had been tried and convicted in his absence.

Germany v Brenchley

Representing an Englishwoman accused by Germany of murder on the high seas many years ago.

Public and Administrative Law

Hillman v Governor of Bronzefield Prison

(Divisional Court), 24 May 2013

Representing the CPS in a judicial review of a decision to remand in absence under section 129(1) of the Magistrates' Court Act 1980.

Re La Pigalle

(2013)

Judicial Review of a refusal to transfer a premises license.

R (Perinpanathan) v Commissioner of Police

[2010] EWCA Civ 40

Costs in cash forfeiture proceedings

R (Flook) v Crown Court at Isleworth

[2010] EWHC

Judicial review of decision to extend custody time limits

R (Donnachie) v Cardiff Magistrates' Court

[2007] 1 WLR 3085

Time limits in trading standards cases

R (Balla) v Greenwich Magistrates' Court

PACE Detention

Licensing

The Ivy Grill, Wimbledon Village

Acting for a residents association in opposing the grant of a new licence for this well-known restaurant group. The application involved the application of the Merton Borough Council stress area policy.

Essence

Judicial review of the refusal by RB Kingston Licensing Committee to renew a nightclub licence due to allegations of serious disorder. Judicial review on the basis of apparent bias by the legal adviser and on the basis of fundamental procedural error in the submission of the application under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

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R (Cummings) v Cardiff County Council

(Court of Appeal)

Judicial Review of decision to refuse the grant of a Hackney carriage licence

R (Leicester City Football Club) v Leicestershire Justices

Interpretation of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc) Act 1985

Regulatory

R v Joseph Henry Lee

(Cambridge Crown Court (2012))

Advising and representing the first defendant in one of the largest 'rogue trader' prosecutions ever brought by a local authority.

R (Donnachie) v Cardiff Magistrates' Court

[2007] 1 WLR 3085

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[2009] EWHC 489 (Admin)

Territorial limit of local authorities' enforcement power

R v Hutchins (Sabrewatch)

Long running SIA prosecution

Directory Recommendations

"Nicholas is widely recognised as a leading expert on POCA." **Legal 500 2025: Proceeds of Crime and Asset Forfeiture**

"He is the very definition of gravitas." **Chambers UK 2024: Crime**

"Nick combines intellect with an appreciation for the wider commercial aspects of a case, meaning his advice is not only technical but also realistic against that context." **Chambers UK 2024: Financial Crime**

"His advocacy, both written and oral, is outstanding." **Chambers UK 2024: Financial Crime**

"Straightforward and no-nonsense, with an encyclopedic knowledge of the law." **Chambers UK 2024: POCA Work**

"He is tenacious, a great strategist and a forceful presence in court." **Legal 500 2024: Crime**

“He brings a very cerebral approach to police misconduct.” **Chambers UK 2024: Professional Discipline**

“Nicholas makes elegant submissions built upon flawless written arguments. He operates at a level above everyone else in the court. He is tenacious, a great strategist and a forceful presence in court.” **Legal 500 2024: Crime**

“He is fantastically bright.” **Chambers UK 2023: Crime**

“He is a master of the law in POCA, and an incredibly responsive and user-friendly barrister, who appeals to clients.”
Chambers UK 2023: POCA Work

“An extremely intelligent junior who is great with clients and has an encyclopaedic knowledge of financial crime. He possesses exceptional judgement.” **Legal 500 2023: Fraud – Crime**

“Nick’s knowledge of the provisions is encyclopaedic and he can get to the nub of the issues very quickly. In court, he has a good understanding of where the judge is likely to be coming from and how to manage that in the client’s interests.”
Legal 500 2023 Proceeds of Crime and Asset Forfeiture

“Extremely impressive and admirably logical.” **Chambers UK 2022: Crime**

“You can always rely on him to carry out the work to an exceptional quality.” **Chambers UK 2022: Financial Crime**

“He’s impressive in his client manner and is super bright.” **Chambers UK 2022: Financial Crime**

“He formulates excellent arguments and can keep a seemingly unmanageable case on track.” **Chambers UK 2022: POCA**

“Very IT literate, incredibly organised, meticulous preparation and understanding of the paperwork.” **Legal 500 2022: Crime**

“An extremely intelligent junior who is great with clients and has an encyclopaedic knowledge of financial crime. He possesses exceptional judgement.” **Legal 500 2022: Fraud**

“He has a good brain on him, and is a methodical brief who is a pleasure to deal with.” **Chambers UK 2021: Crime**

“Very assured, great judgement, personable and good with clients, calm under pressure and a good strategist.” **Legal 500 2021: Crime**

“He has a very sharp legal mind. He has the uncanny ability to get to the nub of an issue very quickly. This means top level legal advice that is very efficient and cost effective.” **Legal 500 2021: Fraud**

“On POCA and anti-money laundering there is no one like him. When I don’t understand exactly what is going on with POCA I phone him and he gives me practical advice that makes me look good.” **Chambers UK 2018: Financial crime**

“Extremely promising, and someone with exceptional legal skills and knowledge.” **Chambers UK 2018: Financial Crime**

“We can rely on him to have expert knowledge of all the recent authorities. He is very thorough and easy to work with.”
Chambers UK 2018: POCA

“A very calm and calculating advocate, and a good strategist, who takes a very pragmatic approach to his cases.” **Legal 500 2017: Fraud**

“He can be trusted to always have the salient evidence at his fingertips.” **Legal 500 2017: Police**

“He knows POCA backwards and can take on cases of factual complexity at very short notice.” **Chambers UK 2016: POCA Work**

“He is incredible. He knows all the latest legal updates and developments in the field.” **Chambers UK 2015: Financial Crime**

“A very capable advocate who is very strong under pressure.” **Legal 500 2014: Crime**

“Very talented and dynamic.” **Legal 500 2012**

Publications

Books

- ‘**No interest and no goodwill—the struggle to challenge sanctions designations (Dana Astra v FCDO)**’ Rachel Barnes KC, Nicholas Yeo KC and Charlotte Branfield analyse the judgment in Dana Astra v Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs [2025] EWHC 289 (Admin). See [here](#)
- Money Laundering Law and Regulation: A Practical Guide (OUP (2011) with Simon Farrell QC, Robin Booth and Guy Bastable)
- Blackstone’s Guide to the Fraud Act 2006 (OUP (2007) with Simon Farrell QC and Guy Ladenburg)

Book Chapters

- Competition regime: UK Procedure, negotiation and enforcement (Practical Law Company (2013) with George Peretz and David Whitehouse QC)
- Serious Economic Crime – a boardroom guide to prevention and compliance: Chapter 14 – “The Main Fraud Offences Prosecuted by the SFO” (SFO (2011) with Harry Travers and Shaul Brazil of BCL Burton Copeland)
- Fraud and Regulatory Offending chapters for Hannibal & Mountford (OUP)

Articles

- “Bull’s-eye” – an introduction to the Fraud Act 2006 [2007] NLJ 212 and [2007] NLJ 418
- “A little less confiscation a little more action” – confiscation after the case of May and others (The Benchmark Magazine)
- “Recurring delays” – extradition after Dabas in the House of Lords [2007] NLJ 806

Lectures, Seminars & Webinars

- Confiscation Masterclass (MBL, annually)

- Confiscation and the Proceeds of Crime – confiscation after the case of Waya in the Supreme Court (Webinar) (London Criminal Court Solicitors Association)
- ‘Waya’ in the Supreme Court – (Stephenson Harwood)
- White Collar Crime, “Foundations of Confiscation Law” and “The Latest on Confiscation – A Master class” seminars for MBL on a regular basis
- The Fraud Act 2006 – Practical Lessons Learned and Fraud Sentencing Update (MBL Webinars)
- Key Issues in Confiscation Butterworths Proceeds of Crime Conference
- Crime – Fraud Act 2006 and Crime – Youth Justice for Legal Network TV

Accreditations



Privacy Statement

I, Nicholas Yeo KC, am a data controller and can be contacted at 3 Raymond Buildings, Gray’s Inn, London WC1R 5BH or by telephone on 020 7400 6400 or by email at nicholas.yeo@3rblaw.com. My Data Protection Policy can be found below.

All personal data that I process is for the purposes of providing legal services, conducting conflict-checks, marketing, defending potential complaints, legal proceedings or fee disputes, keeping anti-money laundering records, training other barristers and pupils and when providing work-shadowing opportunities, and/or exercising a right to a lien. The types of data I process vary upon the nature of the legal matter in relation to which I am engaged to advise, but can include names, contact details, biographic details and ‘special category personal data’ (such as details of racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, health, sex life and criminal convictions and proceedings).

Depending upon the circumstances of the case, the legal bases upon which I process personal data are (i) the performance of a contract to which the data subject is a party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract, (ii) the processing is necessary to comply with legal obligations to which I am subject, or (iii) the processing is necessary for the legitimate interests, found [here](#), except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subjects which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child. When I process data which has not been obtained directly from the data subject (e.g. personal data contained in evidential materials), it will have been supplied to me as part of my instructions in circumstances covered by legal professional privilege.

Depending upon the circumstances of the case, I may share the personal data with:

1. my chambers, which supplies professional and administrative support to my practice;
2. courts and other tribunals to whom documents are presented;
3. my lay and professional clients;
4. potential witnesses, in particular experts, and friends or family of the data subject;
5. solicitors, barristers, pupils, mini pupils and other legal representatives;
6. ombudsmen and regulatory authorities;
7. current, past or prospective employers;
8. education and examining bodies;
9. business associates, professional advisers and trade bodies.

I retain personal data for no longer than 7 years after the case has come to an end or as otherwise required by law.

I do not intend to transfer data to any country which is not either within the European Union, 'white listed' by the EU or otherwise permitted by EU law (e.g. to the USA under the provisions of the 'Privacy Shield').

Under the GDPR, data subjects whose personal data I process have the right to request from me access to, and rectification or erasure of, their personal data, the right to the restriction of processing concerning them, the right to object to processing as well as the right to data portability. Data subjects also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ico.org.uk).

In cases where there is a contract between me and the data subject, the provision of personal data is a contractual requirement and the data subject is obliged to provide the personal data in order that I can supply legal services. A failure to provide such data may mean that I will not be able to provide the legal services.

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[Data Protection Policy](#)

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Direct Access

Nicholas Yeo is qualified to accept instructions direct 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.

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