

Phoebe Bragg

Call: 2015



Phoebe is an experienced advocate specialising in serious and complex criminal cases, all aspects of financial wrongdoing, as well as regulatory and inquiry work. She represents clients at all stages of legal proceedings.

She is recognised by Chambers & Partners for her work in her areas of specialism and has twice been named 'Rising Star' in Crime.

Crime

Phoebe is regularly instructed in complex criminal cases, often of a sensitive and serious nature. She appears for both the prosecution and defence and has established a reputation as a diligent and committed barrister offering outstanding client care.

She has represented a number of high-profile clients including police officers, legal and other professionals, as well being involved in cases with particular sensitivities involving child and vulnerable witnesses. She advises at all stages of proceedings including pre-charge and in relation to post acquittal costs applications and related proceeds of crime and asset forfeiture applications.

Phoebe is a Grade 4 CPS Panel Advocate and acts in cases involving various regulatory and investigative bodies including HMRC, MHRA, Trading Standards, the FCA and the NCA.

Notable Crime cases

- **Operation Struggler [2026] (Southwark Crown Court)**

Led junior instructed by SEOCID in the prosecution of five individuals for Covid related frauds and associate money

laundering. All five defendants were convicted after trial. The POCA proceedings are ongoing.

- **Swansea Trading Standards v AK [2025]**

Defence of a company and director prosecuted by Trading Standards for false accounting and related confiscation proceedings. Advised pre-trial on tandem freezing orders and restraint proceedings.

- **R v SV [2025]**

Defence of a professional for indecent images offences. Early guilty pleas led to the imposition of a community order.

- **R v RS [Ongoing] (Woolwich Crown Court)**

Acting on behalf of a defendant alleged to be part of a network of 'rogue traders' charged with investment fraud offences.

- **Operation Spree [2025] (Southwark Crown Court)**

Led junior instructed by SEOCID in the prosecution of five individuals charged with cyber frauds on HMRC involving the installation of computer malware to remotely monitor operating systems of various accountancy firms.

- **Operation Star [2024] & related confiscation proceedings [2026] (Basildon Crown Court)**

Led junior in an Encrochat 'Operation Venetic' related prosecution of six individuals for the wholesale supply of cocaine (at least 11 kilos). Confiscation proceedings are ongoing.

- **R v MA [2024] (Southwark Crown Court)**

Acting on behalf of a police officer charged with multiple rape & sexual offences. The Crown ultimately offered no evidence following abuse of process arguments. S19 costs were awarded.

- **R v TK [2024] (Kingston Crown Court)**

Representing a professional accused of death by careless driving after a cyclist was killed outside Richmond Rugby Club. The defendant was acquitted after trial.

- **Operation Loliped [2024] (Southwark Crown Court) & related confiscation proceedings (ongoing)**

Led junior in the prosecution of a husband and wife convicted of exporting nearly 7 tonnes of cocaine to Australia & associated money laundering offences. Both defendants were convicted after trial and received sentences of 33 years imprisonment each. Instructed by SEOCID and investigated by the NCA.

- **Operation Hairpace [2024] & related confiscation proceedings [2026] (Isleworth Crown Court)**

Led junior in the prosecution of an OCG for the wholesale supply of nearly 3 tonnes of cocaine. The defendants were nearly all semi-professional footballers. Confiscation orders were also made following a five-day confiscation hearing.

- **R v LM [2024] (Kingston Crown Court)**

Acting on behalf of a man charged with multiple rapes and controlling & coercive behaviour. The defendant was acquitted following a trial.

- **R v MS [2024] (Isleworth Crown Court)**

Led junior in the prosecution of a 14-year-old charged with attempted murder after a 13-year-old was stabbed 17 times in East London.

- **Operation Octagon [2023] (Southwark Crown Court)**

Acting on behalf of one of six defendants charged with international fraud and money laundering offences with a value over £5m. The alleged offending took place across Europe, Lebanon and the Middle East. Phoebe was led junior and her client was the only defendant to be acquitted by the jury at the first trial following a 10 week trial.

- **R v MM [2023] (Isleworth Crown Court)**

Defence of a solicitor charged with rape, controlling & coercive behaviour and associated sexual offences The Crown ultimately offered no evidence following lengthy disclosure arguments. S19 costs were awarded.

- **Operation Nimrod [2022] (Southwark Crown Court)**

Led junior in the prosecution of three defendants charged with the illicit supply of pharmaceutical drugs. The case was prosecuted by SEOCID and investigated by the MHRA.

Financial crime and proceeds of crime

Phoebe appears for both the prosecution and defence in lengthy and high value cases involving fraud and money laundering offences. In the past twelve months she has been part of the defence team for one of the defendants charged by the SFO in connection with bribery offences in West Africa during their time on the Glencore trading desk.

She has been instructed to prosecute in a number of long running NCA led investigations into international fraud and money laundering offences (Operation Struggler & Loliped), in complex cases involving 'phishing frauds' and in HMRC led investigations involving the remote installation of computer malware to commit fraud (Operation Spree).

Phoebe has also defended in a number of similar cases involving prosecutions for false accounting, investment fraud offences, OTP frauds and 'pyramid' schemes.

She has appeared in numerous confiscation proceedings and is regularly asked to advise on restraint applications, freezing orders and subsequent applications for variations of POCA related orders in the High Court or Court of Appeal.

Notable Financial crime and proceeds of crime cases

- **Operation Hofnyn [Ongoing] (Inner London Crown Court)**

Junior alone instructed in the prosecution of three defendants for mandate frauds and subsequent money laundering.

- **Operation Struggler [2026] (Southwark Crown Court)**

Led junior instructed by SEOCID in the prosecution of five individuals for Covid related frauds and associate money

laundering. All five defendants were convicted after trial. The POCA proceedings are ongoing.

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Defence of a company and director prosecuted by Trading Standards for false accounting and related confiscation proceedings. Advised pre-trial on tandem freezing orders and restraint proceedings.

- **R v RS [Ongoing] (Woolwich Crown Court)**

Acting on behalf of an alleged network of 'rogue traders' charged with investment fraud offences.

- **Operation Spree [2025] (Southwark Crown Court)**

Led junior instructed by SEOCID in the prosecution of five individuals charged with cyber frauds on HMRC involving the installation of computer malware to remotely monitor operating systems of various accountancy firms.

- **Operation Tablemaking [2025] (Snaresbrook Crown Court)**

Acted for a youth defendant charged as part of an OCG operating subscription services for fraudsters to circumvent banking anti-fraud measures (OTPs and multi-factor authentication services). The case was investigated by the NCA.

- **Operation Loliped [2024] (Southwark Crown Court) & related confiscation proceedings (ongoing)**

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Acting on behalf of one of six defendants charged with international fraud and money laundering offences with offending taking place across Europe, Lebanon and the Middle East. Phoebe was led junior and her client was the only defendant to be acquitted by the jury at the first trial following a 10-week trial.

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- **R v RG & Others [2021] (Southwark Crown Court)**

Successful multi-handed prosecution involving a conspiracy to launder money through a network of money service bureaus in Central London.

- **Operation Tennyson [2020] (Southwark Crown Court)**

Led junior in the defence of one of six Nigerian nationals charged with fraud and money laundering linked to an international 'phishing fraud' operation. The defendants were alleged to have committed phishing frauds across the

US and Europe and laundered the proceeds through the UK, to the Middle East and Nigeria.

Proceeds of crime & asset forfeiture

Phoebe regularly appears in confiscation proceedings and associated proceeds of crime applications. In January 2026 she was involved in proceedings involving a confiscation order of over £76 million (Operation Hairpace) and is currently instructed in ongoing proceedings with orders sought for over £850 million in relation to each defendant.

Phoebe also advises individuals, companies and enforcement authorities on other POCA related applications, including on disclosure orders, freezing orders and variations of confiscation orders to the Court of Appeal and Crown Court.

Phoebe has previously been instructed by the Financial Conduct Authority as disclosure counsel in various market manipulation investigations including Operation Gillingham (2021-2022).

Notable Proceeds of crime & asset forfeiture cases

- **Operation Hairpace [2026] (Isleworth Crown Court)**
Orders made with benefit figures of over £76 million following a 5-day confiscation hearing.
- **Swansea Trading Standards v AK [2025]**
Advising the company and director on applications for freezing orders and restraint proceedings in tandem to the criminal prosecution. Advising on POCA proceedings as part of plea negotiations.
- **Operation S [2025]**
Instructed by the CPS Civil Recovery and Civil Litigation Team to advise on post-conviction disclosure orders involving the acquiring of multiple properties and companies.
- **R v VC [2024] (Southwark Crown Court)**
Instructed for the prosecution in an application to vary a confiscation order to increase the available amount and advising on third party and beneficial interests in various central London properties.
- **Operation Loliped [2024] Southwark Crown Court**
Ongoing confiscation proceedings relating to a benefit figure of over £850 million.
- **R v TT [2020-2024]**
Appearing for the applicant in her application to vary a confiscation order of over £1.5m to the Court of Appeal in relation to 'hidden assets' and advising on restraint orders and enforcement proceedings.

Inquests, inquiries & internal investigations

Phoebe accepts instructions in relation to all aspects of inquest and inquiry work. She has worked on a number of inquiries as consultant and disclosure counsel including the Grenfell Inquiry. Phoebe has also been involved in a number of pre-inquiry internal investigations including the Post Office Horizon investigation and the Horizon Wirecard internal investigation (as featured in the Netflix documentary).

Directory Recommendations

“Phoebe’s work rate, focus and determination is second to none. Her ability to deal with others and to quickly and articulately deal with legal argument is admirable.” **Chambers UK 2025**

“Phoebe is excellent with clients and is able to quickly understand a brief. She is very determined and resilient advocate” **Chambers UK 2025**

“She is excellent, incredibly effective and very liked by clients” **Chambers UK 2025**

“Phoebe is a very hard-working junior who is responsive, on top of the details and a joy to work with.” **Chambers UK 2025**

“She has the most natural and easy charm, charisma and a fierce intellect behind a light touch. She inspires confidence.” **Chambers UK 2025**

“Phoebe epitomises defence work at its best. She stands her position and is really thorough” **Chambers UK 2024**

“Intelligent and hard-working, her approach is excellent at every level” **Chambers UK 2024**

“Prompt to respond to email queries and ever willing to help, she has every detail of the case at her fingertips.” **Chambers UK 2023**

Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association
Fraud Lawyer’s Association
Young Fraud Lawyer’s Association
Female Fraud Forum
Women in Criminal Law

Education

University of Oxford, MA Law
Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent)
Ann Goddard Scholarship (Gray's Inn)

Publications

“Current Practice in Forensic Medicine” [Vol 3] on the disclosure of evidence in sexual assault cases. Co-author with Sarah Forshaw KC

Co-author 5KBW response to the Law Commission Consultation on Criminal Appeals with Paul Taylor KC

Appointments

CPS General Crime Panel (Grade 4)
CPS Fraud Panel (Grade 3)
CPS Serious Crime Panel (Grade 3)

Privacy Statement

I, Phoebe Bragg, 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 phoebe.bragg@3rblaw.com. My Data Protection Policy can be found [here](#).

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 set out above, 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 rely on (iii) legitimate interests, my 'Legitimate Interests Assessment' can be found [here](#). 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, or otherwise permitted by UK data protection legislation.

Under the UK 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 those legal services.

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[Legitimate Interests Assessment](#)

Direct Access

Phoebe Bragg is qualified to accept instructions direct from client's under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme. This

means that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come direct to her.