

Trevor Burke QC

Call: 1981 / QC: 2001



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.

Crime

Trevor is considered to be a top criminal silk and a notable trial lawyer. He has been involved in many serious criminal matters, both public and privately funded work. His criminal expertise includes:

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

Notable Crime cases

- **Arif Ansari**
BBC Asian Network’s head of news found not guilty over the naming of a sexual abuse victim in a live radio

broadcast.

- **Nathan Gray**

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- **Darren McKie**

A police inspector who murdered his wife in their home and dumped her body in a lake.

- **Alan Smith**

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- **Cheryl Carter (Operation Weeting/Leveson Inquiry)**

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- **Fashanu, Grobbelaar & Others**

Football corruption.

- **Nigel Benn**

Allegation of assault.

- **Terry Marsh**

Allegation of student fraud.

- **Gary Glitter**

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- **Peter Buck (REM)**

Endangering an airplane.

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- **Taylor Sisters**

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- **John Hasse**

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- **David Gunn**
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White Collar Crime

Trevor is recognised as a leading practitioner in Financial Crime. He has extensive experience spanning the last 20 years. His expertise includes:

- Fraud civil and criminal
- VAT fraud
- Market manipulation
- Disqualified directors
- Insider dealing
- Advance fee frauds
- Mortgage frauds

He is regularly instructed on domestic and international matters, mainly in the Cayman Island, where he has become the leading counsel for all of their major fraud matters.

Notable White Collar Crime cases

- **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.

- **Michael Elsom**
Senior trader accused of tax evasion involving film financing schemes.
- **Andrew Rybak**
Leading counsel in a £70 million contracts corruption case.

Cayman Islands

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

He has recently spent many months working in the Cayman Islands, Nigeria & Dublin on a large arbitration.

Notable Cayman Islands cases

- **Euro Bank Corporation**
\$250,000,000 money laundering allegation. Trial lasted almost 11 months stayed as an abuse of process.
- **Hurricane Ivan**
Civil fraud arising out of insurance claims as a result of Hurricane Ivan.
- **Canover Watson**
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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

Memberships

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

Education

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

Accreditations

