

THE  
SPEAR'S  
500



Brian Spiro  
BCL Burton Copeland

There's little rest for the genial solicitor, who was recently instructed to assist in the defence of President Kenyatta of Kenya before the International Criminal Court in the Hague; he is also an expert in international law, environmental offences and breaches of UN sanctions.

He is now busy representing bankers caught up with the Libor and foreign exchange investigations — unsurprisingly, given his pre-eminent status in the white-collar arena. However, he still finds time to work for HNWs caught up in more 'traditional' criminal matters.

He works closely with Carter Ruck, Schillings and other heavyweights of reputation law, affording him a dynamic crossover knowledge he is famous for. 'You often need to bring them in — it's not just a case of a financial fraud charge or a domestic violence situation or rock'n'rollers getting arrested coming out of dubious nightclubs with cocaine,' he says. 'It's not just a question of what you're dealing with in court — it's a question of publicity and reputation, which is particularly important when you have sponsors or a high media profile. It adds a whole new level of complexity.'

Clients describe him as 'unflappable', 'courageous' and 'a man to have on your side if you're feeling nervous... Incisive, calm, enormously experienced, thorough, dependable and able.'

**BRIAN SPIRO**  
**BCL BURTON**  
**COPELAND**

**OUTSTANDING  
IN FIELD**

COMPANY SIZE  
**BOUTIQUE**

HOURLY RATE  
**UNDISCLOSED**

FOCUS  
**CRIMINAL  
REGULATORY  
LAW**

'It's a strange corner of the profession really, in that some of our greatest results are the ones we can't talk about,' says Spiro, speaking

of the idiosyncrasies of defending HNWs and media personalities.