



Harry Travers - Partner

Harry Travers is one of only two lawyers specialising in business crime listed in the **Chambers 100**, which is a legal directory of the top 100 business lawyers in the UK across all areas of law. The directory particularly focuses on the "top 100 lawyers who excel in both technical legal ability and in client service".

"he is very innovative and imaginative' ... 'very thorough and explores every possible angle' ... 'extremely knowledgeable'" (Chambers UK, 2016)

"One peer observed, 'He is very active in SFO investigations and that is because he is undoubtedly brilliant at handling them.'" (Who's Who Legal 100 2016)

"extraordinarily committed" (Legal 500, 2015)

"Sources report that Harry Travers 'brings a wealth of experience to defence work and can truly be described as having global reach.' He is frequently sought after to advise prominent individuals on allegations of fraud with cross-jurisdictional implications." (Chambers UK, 2014)

"Sources label him 'an extremely deep thinker' who is 'extremely tenacious and will not shirk from any kind of battle'." (Chambers UK, 2014)

"He is phenomenally versatile, committed, tenacious and intelligent" and that **"clients highlight his 'outstanding ability to grasp significant detail and devise strategy'."** (Chambers 100 2013)

"Undeniably a star" (Who's Who Legal 2013)

Within Fraud: White Collar Crime **"Harry Travers is 'phenomenally able'"** (Legal 500, 2013)

"Harry Travers is a standout lawyer at BCL Burton Copeland. He is acclaimed for his comprehensive practice, which covers civil and criminal fraud." (Chambers UK, 2011)

"Harry Travers is fiercely intelligent ..." and is praised for **"his incredibly sharp mind, sound commercial judgement and client-friendly manner'."** (Chambers UK, 2010)

"Harry Travers 'has a fierce intelligence, unmatched commitment to his clients, and an unrivalled ability to think laterally'." (Legal 500, 2010)

"Harry Travers is 'sensitive, tenacious and pragmatic'." (Legal 500, 2010)

"Harry Travers has a great ability to see the flaws in the opposition's argument before anyone else and is exceptionally bright and very talented, with a tremendous eye for details." (Chambers UK, 2009)

Harry Travers specialises in all aspects of business crime and regulation.

He has had an involvement in numerous high profile commercial fraud and corruption cases brought by

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the Serious Fraud Office including, in the last few years, Standard Bank, GPT/Airbus, Innospec, Libor, BAe, and GP Noble.

He was consulting editor of the SFO's publication 'Serious Economic Crime: A Boardroom Guide to Prevention and Compliance'. An online version can be seen at: <http://www.bcl.com/notice.php?id=138>

He is a co-author of the chapter on direct tax fraud in the LexisNexis Butterworths publication entitled "Fraud: Law, Practice & Procedure".

Harry is a committee member of the Fraud Lawyers Association.

He is also the sole solicitor committee member of the Tax Investigators Practitioners Group, a cross-disciplinary organisation comprising several hundred tax investigation specialists; and sits on the Fraud Forum of HMRC, established to consult on policy and operational issues on tax fraud.

He is ranked by Chambers UK for Fraud, Tax Fraud: Contentious (band 1) and Corporate Crime & Investigations and by The Legal 500 for Fraud, Customs and Excise, Corporate Crime and EU & Competition.

As one of the highest nominated lawyers in international research conducted by Who's Who on Business Crime Defence, he was selected as one of four participants in their roundtable discussion in that area in 2013.

Harry is ranked by The Legal 500 in relation to criminal cartel offences:

"For the representation of individuals facing criminal investigation and prosecution for criminal cartel offences ... Harry Travers is 'bright, creative and energetic'." (Legal 500, 2013)

He also has an interest in health and safety / corporate manslaughter investigations and prosecutions. The Health and Safety section of Chambers UK 2013 described him as **"very good at fighting for his client's best interests and getting the best results"** .

He joined BCL in 1991 and has been a partner since 1995. Previously, he was employed as a barrister in the Tax & Trusts Department of Berwin Leighton from 1987 to 1991 specialising in anti-avoidance litigation and trusts.

He is a graduate of St Edmund Hall, Oxford (open scholar, BA 1985, BCL 1987).

