

Serious & General Crime

"handles a wide range of high-level crime work, particularly for high net worth individuals such as sports stars, musicians, politicians ..." (The Legal 500)

BCL is a market leader in criminal defence work. We understand that being accused of a crime, whatever the allegation, can be a harrowing and stressful experience and we pride ourselves in acting for our clients with sensitivity, as well as the expertise and determination necessary to protect their interests.

We act for clients in all kinds of criminal cases with particular expertise relating to harassment, offences against the person, sexual offences, drug offences, manslaughter, murder, extradition, mutual legal assistance, Official Secrets Act investigations, data protection and computer misuse offences, and road traffic matters. We also have a proven track record of success in judicial review proceedings and Court of Appeal cases.

"as far as the white collar crime and regulation sector goes, you name it, BCL has advised on it"

(Legal Business Awards)

"One of the few untouchable magic circle firms that consistently produces the best work in this area"

(Chambers UK)

We represent a wide variety of individuals, including doctors, solicitors, barristers, accountants, journalists and directors, as well as organisations. In addition, we are recognised for our particular expertise in acting for those in the public eye; clients have included politicians, sportsmen, entertainers, artists and media celebrities, as well as those who, whilst not seeking publicity themselves, have found themselves embroiled in high profile criminal cases.

We provide a total service, including representation at the outset of a criminal investigation (whether in relation to the execution of a search warrant, arrest and interview under caution, or voluntary attendance at a police station) through to the various stages of the court process, including applying for the charges to be dismissed and conducting the trial (both in the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court). Our team includes first class advocates and litigators with a huge wealth of experience in the most serious, legally challenging and forensically complex criminal cases.

In addition, we are experienced in working with management companies, PR advisers and other professional advisers and have an in depth understanding of the interface between defending a criminal investigation or prosecution and protecting the client's reputation.

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