

Ben Douglas Jones

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Ben is a specialist fraud, criminal and regulatory barrister.

He is highly recommended in Chambers and Partners. The Legal 500 recommends Ben for Criminal Fraud and Consumer Law, describing him as 'extremely bright' and 'extremely able' with the ability to 'marshal cases of the utmost complexity'.

Ben defends professional and corporate clients including public limited companies. He prosecutes for the Serious Fraud Office and is a Level 4 CPS panel prosecutor.

He is specialist prosecutor on three panels at Level 4: Fraud, Serious Crime and Proceeds of Crime (London, South East and Wales).

Ben prosecutes for the Central Fraud Group, Organised Crime Division, Appeals Unit, Proceeds of Crime Unit and Welfare, Rural and Health Division (including the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency) of CPS Headquarters. He also prosecutes for local authorities and is on the CPS Advocate Panel Rape and Child Abuse List.

He practises in all fraud, including mortgage, Excise, Hawala, advance fee (419), boiler room, MTIC, NHS, dental, pharmaceutical, Internet, car-ringing, gambling, banking, cheque clearing cycle and bank card fraud.

Ben is a member of the Fraud Advisory Panel.

Ben's regulatory practice extends to all areas of consumer law, with an emphasis on trademarks and copyright law, criminal planning, food safety and environmental health.

Ben's human rights practice has seen him appear in many leading and reported cases, including the recent Special Court Court of Appeal hearings of Mateta and others [2014] EWCA Crim 1372 (asylum defences) and R v L and others [2014] 2 Cr. App. R. 23 (human trafficking) and R (on the Application of A) v Lowestoft Magistrates' Court [2014] E.M.L.R. 20; [2014] A.C.D. 72.

At the invitation of the DPP, Keir Starmer QC, Ben has recently co-written the CPS Guidance on charging and prosecuting victims of human trafficking (see Publications).

Ben prosecutes and defends in serious criminal cases, including murder, sexual and drug offences.

He has vast experience in restraint, confiscation and receivership proceedings.

Ben conducts second-opinion defence appellate work where he did not appear in the Crown Court and is instructed by the CPS Appeals Unit in the High Court and Court of Appeal.

He also has significant expertise in miscarriage of justice work having represented Colin Stagg and secured his £706,000 compensation for Stagg's wrongful indictment for the murder of Rachel Nickell.

Ben's civil practice centres on judicial review and fraud.

Ben is also an attorney-at-law in Grenada, with rights of audience in the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal.

Ben is a qualified advocacy trainer for Gray's Inn.

Ben was called to the Bar in 1998.

He is also a member of 5 Paper Buildings, London and Apex Chambers, Cardiff.

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