



YEAR OF BIRTH	1968
YEAR OF CALL	1998
INN	Inner Temple
CIRCUIT	South Eastern
QUALIFICATIONS	Politics, Philosophy & Economics (M.A) St Edmund Hall, Oxford

## PROFILE

Cited in the latest editions of *Chambers & Partners*, *The Legal 500* and *The Legal Experts*, Christopher is regarded as being junior counsel of exceptional ability.

He has a wide range of experience. Prior to being called to the Bar, he was a City solicitor, specialising in commercial property litigation. He now specialises in crime, particularly in the field of complex fraud. He is regularly instructed by the leading firms of solicitors and by the Fraud Prosecution Service.

He also undertakes regulatory work on behalf of the Security Industry Authority and the GMC. He has recent experience of prosecutions brought under the Financial Services legislation.

## NOTABLE CASES

Case Name: *R v Martyn Jagger & Daniel Healy*  
Appearance: Prosecution (leading junior)  
Description: Prosecution of a multi million pound 'Boiler Room' fraud, based in Madrid. The case involved a complicated international dimension and required close co-operation with the FSA. The defendants were convicted. The case was subsequently the subject of a special report on the 'Today' programme on Radio 4.

Case Name: *R v James Cameron*  
Appearance: Defence (led by David Waters QC)  
Description: Mr Cameron worked at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. He blew the whistle on a loophole wrongly allowing workers from Eastern Europe into the UK. His disclosures to David Davis MP (then Shadow Home Secretary) led to the resignation of the Immigration Minister, Beverley Hughes MP. Mr Cameron was subsequently charged with separate immigration offences, alleging a corrupt relationship with a travel agency in Bucharest. The trial lasted for 6 weeks. It received widespread publicity.

Case Name: *R v James King*  
Appearance: Defence (leading junior)  
Description: Mr King was beaten up by Amy Winehouse's husband, Blake Fielder-Civil. Mr King was subsequently alleged to have accepted a corrupt payment in return for not giving evidence against Mr Fielder-Civil. Having been charged with conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, Mr King was tried over a period of 4 weeks last summer. He was acquitted.

Case Name: *R v Prudhoe*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Serious Fraud  
Detail: SFO prosecution. Represented Chairman of company accused of £83 million invoice discounting fraud. Case involved added complication of extradition proceedings from Middle East.

Case Name: *R v Iain Cater & others*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Serious Fraud  
Detail: SFO prosecution. Privately instructed on behalf of the UK Financial Director of a public company, who was charged with corruption and overstating sales by £20 million. Case dismissed following successful application under s.6 Criminal Justice Act 1987. SFO applied for a Voluntary Bill of Indictment but were refused.

Case Name: *R v Lewis & Others*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Serious Fraud  
Detail: Represented one of 8 defendants accused of involvement in a £100 million VAT carousel fraud. Indictment stayed for an abuse of process following 2 months of legal argument.

Case Name: *R v John Morgan*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Fraud  
Detail: Acted for police officer accused of extensive and sophisticated fraud. Case was reported widely in the national press.