

Oliver Glasgow KC

"Oliver is First Senior Treasury Counsel. He is a class act. His memory is phenomenal, his command of facts is second to none, he is a first class lawyer and advocate. Forceful, direct and devastating. An opponent to be feared in court but a gent outside. Oliver is at the very top of his game."

Legal 500 UK 2022



Year of Call: 1995 KC: 2016

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Appointed in 2021 as First Senior Treasury Counsel and on the Attorney-General's list of approved counsel. He has a reputation for detailed preparation, exceptional advocacy and is "an especially good cross-examiner". He is recommended in the top band of new silks in the Chambers UK Guide and the Legal 500.

He divides his practice between working at the highest level in the criminal sphere and specialising in complicated and serious quasi-criminal and regulatory work.

- He appears on behalf of the major prosecuting authorities in high profile trials of the utmost gravity and his work has won the plaudits of judges and opponents alike.
- He defends in regulatory and health and safety cases, and acts for interested parties in public inquiries and inquests where his advocacy skills have marked him out as "something special".

He advises and acts for individuals and companies alike on all aspects of business crime and regulation.

Oliver accepts **Direct Access** instructions.

Winner of the Crime and Extradition Silk of the Year at The Legal 500 UK Bar Awards 2022.

What others say:

"An exceptional lawyer in a different class from most. His approachability, knowledge of his subject and general demeanour make him a pleasure. He inspires those he interacts with both professionally and personally." – Chambers UK 2023

"Oliver is a first-class lawyer, who rightly deserves his appointment as First Senior Treasury Counsel. His work is always meticulously prepared, and his presence in court commanding." – Legal 500 UK 2023

"Extremely tenacious, hard-working and a perfect gentleman." and "An extraordinary talent and a

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man who knows his job inside out.” – Chambers UK 2022

“Polished and highly intelligent, he is simply one of the best prosecutors around. Master of his brief and a deadly cross-examiner. Mr Glasgow is very approachable, decisive and always dealt with the cases to the highest standard. He’s an excellent advocate, concentrates on the issues in the case and engages well with other court users.” – Legal 500 UK 2021

“A class act” and “an incredibly courageous advocate.” – Chambers UK 2021

“An immaculate prosecutor.” “His work rate is phenomenal. He turns papers around in an amazingly speedy way – he’s excellent.” Chambers UK 2020

“An effective advocate and a formidable opponent.” – Legal 500 2020

“Articulate, bright, sensible and easy to deal with.” – Legal 500 2017

“His attention to detail and work rate, balanced with a confident yet light touch, make him an impressive advocate.” – Legal 500 2017

“A real star of the future.” – Chambers UK 2017

“He’s a real class act and a really consummate prosecutor.” – Chambers UK 2017

“He is a rising star of the future.” – Chambers UK 2016

“A very careful, strong persuasive advocate in writing and on his feet.” – Legal 500 2016

“He is a brilliant prosecutor and unbelievably hard working.” – Chambers UK 2015

“A standout junior.” – Legal 500 2015

Business Crime & Financial Services

He has extensive experience advising and acting for companies and businesses in all areas of business crime and financial regulation.

- His ability to provide concise and practical advice across a range of financial and business matters has proved invaluable to clients.
- He is presently instructed to advise an international company in connection with a private prosecution, and a foreign national being investigated by the SFO.

Cases

DA

The defendant, a successful Hong Kong tax advisor, is being investigated and prosecuted by her regulatory body in connection with her management of client funds.

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The defendant, who acted as an intermediary between BAE and a foreign government, is under investigation for bribery and corruption as part of an on-going SFO investigation.

SR

The defendant company, who provide services to the betting industry, has sought advice in connection with protecting their business interests and bringing a private prosecution against a rival business for infringement of their activities and defamation.

“Commercial, hard-working and very approachable.” – Chambers & Partners UK

Public Prosecution

In serious and organised crime his areas of expertise include, murder, firearms and terrorism.

- He has appeared as sole or leading counsel in cases at first instance and in the Court of Appeal.
- He regularly advises and acts for the Attorney General and Solicitor General on cases of general public importance.
- His appointment as Treasury Counsel has seen him instructed in some of the highest profile prosecutions to take place in recent years.
- He has advised individuals and companies on private prosecutions concerning a wide range of criminal offences.
- He is DV cleared and has advised and acted for the Security Services, the MoD and the government in cases of national security.
- Solicitors have praised him for his “hard working and fearless” approach and Chambers UK comments upon “his evident prowess on the criminal side”.

Cases

R v Aristote Yenge & Others

The defendants were prosecuted for a gang killing that was the culmination of a rivalry over the lucrative drugs’ trade in Ipswich. It was the largest case of its kind prosecuted by CPS East of England and ran for 5 months.

R v Kareem Lashley-Weekes & Others

The defendants were prosecuted for the murder of a rival that was part of an escalating cycle of tit for tat violence between two gangs in East London.

R v Desmond Silva

The defendant murdered his ex-girlfriend and tried to excuse his actions as being the result of the PTSD that he suffered following various tours with the Fusiliers.

R v Rochaan Cookhorn & Others

The defendants were convicted of the senseless robbery and murder of a young Portuguese student who had travelled to this country to support his family.

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R v Kirill Belorusev

The defendant was convicted of the brutal murder of his ex-girlfriend (a French film producer), whose body he then buried in a shallow grave in her back garden before he played out a detailed deception upon her friends and family by sending messages from her mobile phone that gave the impression she was alive and well.

R v Pryce & Huhne

The defendants (both prominent public figures) were prosecuted for attempting to pervert the course of justice, after it was discovered that the first defendant had accepted speeding points on behalf of her then husband, the second defendant, enabling him to evade disqualification.

R v Constance Briscoe

The defendant was the judge who lied to the police during the investigation into Pryce and Huhne and thereafter provided false documentation in order to deceive the officers who were investigating her conduct.

R v Adebolajo & Adebowale

The defendants were the killers of Lee Rigby, the soldier who was butchered in the street whilst walking to the Woolwich Barracks.

R v Marines A-E

The defendants, who were Royal Marine Commandos, stood trial for the murder of an Afghan insurgent on the battlefield. The Ministry of Defence and the Home Office sought to intervene when the prosecution proposed to release footage of the killing to the media organisations.

R v Ali

The defendant, who was the spokesman for the prohibited organisation “Muslims Against Crusades”, stood trial for the possession and distribution of terrorist material.

“He will do great things.” – Chambers & Partners UK

“His rise to the top is all but certain.” – Chambers & Partners UK

Shortlisted as Criminal Junior of the Year – Chambers & Partners UK

Criminal Junior of the Year – Acquisition International

Commitment to Criminal Law – Acquisition International

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Criminal Regulatory

In health and safety work he has significant experience in corporate manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter trial.

- He has applied the skills demanded by his high profile criminal work to health and safety litigation with ease. In so doing he has combined his tactical skills and quick thinking demanded together with an ability to review and assess the significance of large amounts of complex material.
- He has successfully prosecuted several high profile corporate manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter cases.
- He has advised and represented companies in all areas of health and safety litigation, successfully overturning charging decisions and securing the dismissal of cases at pre-trial hearings.
- He has provided training to solicitors and companies alike on health and safety and has written numerous articles.

Cases

R v Cavendish Masonry

The defendant company was convicted of corporate manslaughter after one of the young men working for them was crushed to death by a block of limestone at a building site.

R v Rooftop Rooms

The defendant company was convicted of health and safety offences after a 16 year old apprentice fell to his death from the scaffold platform on which he was working.

R v Adedeji, Miller & Pullen

The defendants are the doctor and two nurses who worked at the Marie Stopes clinic where a young woman was given a termination following which she died.

“He can think on his feet and responds well to the unexpected.” – Legal 500

Health and Safety Barrister of the Year – Acquisition International

Inquests & Public Inquiries

He has extensive experience advising in connection with and appearing for interested parties in inquests and public inquiries.

- His ability to combine cross-examination of the highest calibre whilst keeping a keen eye on the client's needs have seen him instructed in highly sensitive cases across the country.
- He is presently instructed in the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry which is considering allegations of prosecutorial misconduct in the handling of historic child abuse allegations.

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Cases

Southern Cross Inquest

Oliver represented the Insurance Company.

The operators of a care home in West Sussex, which was said to have been one of the worst examples of its kind, were an interested party to the inquest conducted into the deaths of 19 elderly residents.

Independent Jersey Care Inquiry

Oliver is representing the Law Officers' Department.

The Law Officers Department are one of the interested parties appearing at the public inquiry which is examining the allegations of abuse of children whilst in care on the island.

Iraq Historic Abuse

Oliver is representing the Defence.

The MoD faces 196 combined judicial reviews in respect of the failure to investigate and prosecute allegations of torture of Iraqi nationals at the hands of British soldiers.

“He courts high market esteem as one of the best juniors in the field.” – Chambers & Partners UK

Professional Discipline

In professional discipline and regulatory work he has extensive experience of a wide range of civil tribunals and High Court actions.

- He has prosecuted and defended in cases of significant complexity brought by regulators and disciplinary bodies before tribunals and appellate bodies.
- Having previously prosecuted for the General Medical Council and the Bar Standards Board, he now defends before numerous professional regulators, including the General Medical Council, the General Dental Council and the Nursing and Midwifery Council.
- He has advised and represented health care professionals at local and national level before their regulatory body and has successfully appealed decisions to suspend individual and group practising certificates.
- He has acted on behalf of businesses and their directors in cases of VAT and tax liability and has successfully appeared before appeal tribunals securing the substantial reduction of penalties previously imposed upon them.
- He has advised and represented sportsmen and teams in cases of doping, on field misconduct and cheating including: 'Bloodgate', sexual assault claims against the English rugby team and several professional cyclists.

Cases

GDC v NS

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The defendant dentist successfully opposed the suspension of his practising certificate despite the serious criminal allegations that were made against him.

GMC v Dr SS

The defendant doctor faces wide ranging allegations of incompetence and dishonesty, which span a period of ten years.

“Commercial, hard-working and very approachable.” – Chambers & Partners UK

“Sources value his impressive knowledge of sports law.” – Chambers & Partners UK

Sports Law

In sports law his areas of expertise include disciplinary tribunals and appeals, advising individuals and teams on doping allegations, and advising teams and companies on betting irregularities.

- He has represented several high profile stars and teams in connection with allegations of on field misconduct.
- He has advised several teams and individuals in connection with allegations of doping and their dealings with UKAD and WADA.
- He presently represents one of the largest betting companies in connection with a dispute arising from access to commercially sensitive data.
- Chambers UK described his knowledge of sports law as “impressive” and recognise that his defence of sportsmen receives “much media attention”.

Recent Cases:

ERB v. Harlequins (defence)

The club, its director and several key players and support staff were accused of cheating in a case that became known as the infamous “Bloodgate” scandal.

RFU v. A

Four players from the England touring side were accused of a serious sexual offence in New Zealand and faced allegations of bringing the game into disrepute on their return.

“His knowledge of sports law is impressive.” – Chambers & Partners UK

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Private Prosecution

His experience as senior Treasury Counsel, which has seen him prosecute some of the most high profile and complex public prosecutions in recent years, has effectively translated to the private market.

- His ability to provide concise and practical advice across a range of investigative and tactical issues has proved invaluable to clients.
- His expertise in cross-examination and witness handling has contributed to the successful conclusion of cases in which he has acted for the victims of fraud.
- He is presently instructed to advise an international company in connection with a private prosecution, a private property developer who has been the victim of a significant fraud, and a witness to a private prosecution who faces a costs application for his part in the proceedings.

Cases

- **S** – S is an international betting company whose business has been disrupted by the activities of its principal competitor and it is anticipated that the competitor will attempt to bring a private prosecution in order to secure exclusive control over the lucrative market in which they operate.
- **AC** – The victim is a successful international businessman who has been defrauded of hundreds of thousands of pounds and who has brought a private prosecution against the fraudster who has refused to return the money. The proceedings are ongoing and it is anticipated that the trial will now take place in 2021.

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Accreditations



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Appointments & Memberships

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- 2021: First Senior Treasury Counsel
- 2020: Shortlisted for C&P UK Crime Silk of the Year
- 2015: Senior Treasury Counsel
- 2009: Junior Treasury Counsel
- ATC Advocacy Trainer
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Criminal Bar Association
- Health & Safety Lawyers' Association

Education & Qualifications

- MA Oxon, Jurisprudence, Oxford University

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