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IAN WHITEHURST

SERIOUS CRIME - CV

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Education

University of Hull, LLB (Hons) (1993)

Appointments

Disclosure Counsel for Serious Fraud Office (SFO)
Level 4 Prosecutor (Crown Prosecution Service)
Specialist Rape Panel (Crown Prosecution Service)
Licensed Advocate Isle of Man (2012)



RECOMMENDATIONS

"Experienced criminal advocate whose expertise in organised crime includes gang-related homicide, drug conspiracies, corruption, conspiracy to supply firearms and armed robbery. He also takes on cases concerning violent crimes and public disorder. He is equally adept at handling both prosecution and defence work."

"Ian is a real fighter, but smart with it too."

Chambers UK Bar Guide [2018]

"A very good performer. He is fearless and defendants love him. He will get stuck in but knows when not to lock horns with witnesses. A very good tactician."

Chambers UK Bar Guide [2017]

"A brave and streetwise advocate."

Legal 500 [2017] – Crime – Tier 1

"Highly experienced in serious organised crime cases."

Legal 500 [2016] - Crime - Tier 1

PRACTICE

Ian has spent many years prosecuting and defending serious organised crime most notable gang related homicide, large scale drugs and firearms conspiracies, corruption cases and armed robberies.

Through exposure to this type of work, he has developed an extensive knowledge of disclosure, covert surveillance, jurisdictional issues and an intimate knowledge of the principles surrounding the court's discretionary powers to exclude evidence and stay proceedings.

Recent and Relevant Cases of Note:

R v LH – instructed as Leading Counsel for the main defendant in a £9 million conspiracy to supply Class A drugs throughout the North of England and Scotland.

R v DS – instructed as Leading Counsel to prosecute a multi handed fraud case involving substantial breaches of trust by former employees and the managing director of the company. Sums involved in excess of £1 million.

R v MH – instructed to represent a defendant in relation to the supply of Class A drugs throughout the North West of England.

R v CS – instructed to prosecute a defendant accused of possessing a substantial quantity of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) connected to criminal gang activity.

R v RC – instructed as junior counsel alone to advise on historical murder case relating to issues surrounding joint enterprise.