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Jason specialises in serious crime, fraud & financial crime, regulatory law and sports law.

He is ranked as a leading King's Counsel in both Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners in Crime

His practice in serious crime, where he prosecutes and defends, consists of serious organised crime, with an emphasis of complex homicide, serious/organised violence, modern slavery and large-scale drug matters. He is recognised as an expert in cases involving complex telephone/electronic evidence as well as cases involving complex legal issues of both joint enterprise and bad character.

Jason's expertise in fraud & financial crime has meant he has dealt with matters including insider trading, bribery, market manipulation, complex money laundering and tax fraud, where he has been instructed by individuals and corporates – representing them at an early stage in investigations against the Serious Fraud Office & Financial Conduct Authority. This has led him to appear in both the criminal and commercial courts, as well as advising on international matters.

His advisory practice has meant that he has built a specialism in designing, drafting, operating and auditing anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, anti-slavery policies as required under UK and EU law for corporate bodies both in the UK and internationally.

Jason's regulatory practice encompasses him representing defendants in professions including doctors and dentists, where he deals with disciplinary proceedings.

In sports law he has represented two defendants in the most complex horseracing corruption inquiry ever conducted by the British Horse Authority. He has also been involved in defending a coach from the British Judo Authority, who was accused of historic sexual offences against students, where after a large investigation the Crown took no further action.

Specialist Areas

Asset Forfeiture and Confiscation

Criminal Defence

Bribery & Corruption

Criminal Prosecution



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Fraud & Financial Crime

Private Prosecution

Public Law and Inquiries

Sports Law

Courts Martial & Military Law

Professional Discipline

Regulatory Law

Tax Appeals

Testimonials

"He is very smooth, robust and fearless. He is impressive."

Chambers and Partners 2026

"He is very easy to work with, very polished, good on his feet, eloquent and knows which buttons to press."

Chambers and Partners 2026

"He is very good."

Chambers and Partners 2026

"Jason is a formidable lawyer who instils incredible levels of confidence in both his lay and professional clients. He is precisely the silk you would want beside you in the legal trenches."

Chambers and Partners 2026

'An outstanding King's Counsel. He is skilful, his attention to detail is second to none and above all he has a unique ability to bring out the best in the clients.'



Legal 500 2026

"He is a very polished practitioner and a great cross examiner."

Chambers and Partners 2026

"He is very easy to work with, very polished, good on his feet, eloquent and knows which buttons to press."

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"Jason is a true gladiator in court. He is confident, fearless and ready to fight all the way for his clients."

Legal 500 2025

"Slick, smart and fearless."

Chambers and Partners 2024

"He has a very good courtroom manner and is good at identifying the best points."

Chambers and Partners 2024

"Jason is a polished performer, who is very good at cross-examination."

Chambers and Partners 2024



'Jason is a formidable advocate of the old school. He is a real pugilist who cross-examines with devastating affect and with an effortless and consummate charm.'

Legal 500 2024

Ranked In



Cases

Asset Forfeiture & Confiscation

NCA v JN. Advising on the steps to be taken following an apparent breach of a Consent Order by the National Crime Agency in civil Proceeds Of Crime Act proceedings.

R v MR. Defending in a confiscation application following a Modern Slavery conviction involving complex distinctions between the benefit of individual directors as opposed to the (not prosecuted) corporate body.

Criminal Defence

Slavery

R v PR. Acted at trial and on appeal for the lead defendant in the longest and most complex Modern Slavery case ever conducted in the UK

Homicide

R v NA. Legally complex 'fight or flight' manslaughter

R v TH. Multi Defendant cut-throat murder with drugs background

R v ZA. Brutal Rape and attempted murder of a stranger

R v HM. Lead defendant in multi-handed murder where the defendants were initially attacked by the victims

R v CG. Complex homicide turning on telephony evidence including the novel use of smart phone polling data



Drug Trafficking

R v AVM. Acted for the lead Defendant in one of the largest and most complex drug importation operations ever investigated (in this case jointly by HMRC and several European Police Forces)

Sexual Offences

R v EA. Representing a prominent Middle Eastern politician on an allegation of rape. Exceptionally, proceedings conducted in part in camera

Re OK. Advising at an early stage after an allegation that a young person had distributed indecent images via social media

Fraud & Financial Crime

R v PR. Long standing tax fraud centred on the travelling community

Re X. Advising a senior financial professional who had been investigated by the SFO for market manipulation and was due to be a prosecution witness in the trial of others

Re YK. Advising a prominent UAE resident on allegations (and counter allegations) of fraud relating to former UK business partners

R v ML. Advising prominent person in the Financial Sector on allegations of insider trading

Professional Discipline

GMC v DR. Disciplinary proceedings against a doctor involved in a serious car accident resulting in catastrophic injuries to his passenger

GDC v BS. Multiple proceedings against dental technician.

Sports Law

BHA v MS. Appeared for the first two defendants in the most complex horseracing corruption inquiry ever conducted by the BHA

BJA v AR. One of the UK's most respected coaches accused of historic sexual offences against students. Pursued by the BJA notwithstanding the CPS decision not to prosecute

Professional Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Midlands Circuit
- Registered Lawyer under the Football Association Agents Regulations

Awards, Qualifications & Other



- Jules Thorn Scholar – Middle Temple
- BA (Hons) in Philosophy & Politics – University of Durham

Direct Access

Jason Bartfeld KC is qualified to accept instructions directly from clients and is registered under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme, meaning that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come directly to him. In addition, he welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions directly to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. For more information please visit our Direct Access page [here](#).