

Simon Gladwell

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Simon is a highly experienced barrister with more than 25 years of practice in criminal law.

He is instructed to prosecute and defend as both leading and junior counsel across the full spectrum of criminal law. His practice encompasses serious violence, drug offences, sexual offences, fraud and other complex criminal matters.

Simon also has extensive experience in Courts Martial, where he represents clients in a broad range of service law matters.

Known for his meticulous preparation and unwavering commitment to every case, Simon is a persuasive advocate who combines robust representation with a friendly and approachable manner. His professionalism, sound judgement and client-focused approach have earned him the trust of both professional and lay clients.

Specialist Areas	
Criminal Defence	Criminal Prosecution
Fraud & Financial Crime	Courts Martial & Military Law

Testimonials

> "Simon is meticulous in his approach to cases. He is incredibly knowledgeable and presents himself and lay clients in a way which makes members of the jury relate to the defendant."
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> **Legal 500, 2026**

> “Instructed in a wide range of serious criminal offences”
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> **Legal 500, 2021**

> “Prosecuting and defending across the full spectrum of criminal cases, Simon Gladwell…..is particularly adept at handling cases involving allegations of serious sexual assault and abuse, both historical and recent. In particular, solicitors praise him for his ability to 'look outside the box when considering issues’.”
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> **Legal 500, 2021**

> "Legally knowledgeable with excellent advocacy skills, and able to converse appropriately with lay clients."
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> **Legal 500, 2020**

> ”He has “expertise in sexual offences, drugs, fraud and serious violence cases”.”
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> **Legal 500, 2019**

> “A senior junior with vast experience in sexual offences cases”.
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> **Legal 500, 2017**

> “expertise in criminal cases involving infectious diseases”.
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> **Legal 500, 2016**

Ranked In



Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association
South Eastern Circuit
East Anglian Bar Mess

Direct Access

Simon Gladwell 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.