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Jane Bewsey principally prosecutes in serious and complex corporate fraud, money laundering and tax cases instructed by the CPS and the SFO (current prosecution panel member) appearing as lead advocate in the Crown Court and the Appellate courts. She is thoroughly familiar with all aspects of disclosure, public interest immunity and confiscation issues.

Crime

She is instructed in cases involving money laundering, tax evasion, corporate fraud, mortgage fraud, fraud targeting the NHS and in cases arising from the collapse of companies including allegations of fraudulent trading, insolvency offences, and breaches of company law and in immigration fraud cases including issues relating to diplomatic immunity

Fraud & Corporate Crime

Prosecutes in serious and complex corporate fraud and tax cases instructed by CPS and the SFO (current prosecution panel member). She is currently instructed in cases involving tax evasion, corporate fraud and money laundering.

Additionally, she has been instructed in cases arising from the collapse of companies including allegations of fraudulent trading, insolvency offences and breaches of company law.

- Operation Slipstream (2018-19): a Home Office investigation into alleged abuses of the Tier 4 student visa system and linked fraud and dishonesty offences.
- Operation Twilight (2017-18): six defendants charged with cheating the Revenue by manipulating film schemes. The defendants included a former EY partner, a former police officer, a former city trader, a dentist, the former CEO of a high street travel company and a financial advisor. [PRESS LINKS [[BBC](#)]]
- Operation Tarlac (2016 -19) Prosecuting a series of trials involving 15 defendants alleging counts of conspiracy to defraud, conspiracy to money launder, money laundering and

perverting the course of justice. It involved an international organised crime group which targeted NHS trusts, councils, educational institutions etc by fraudulently diverting £12.6m from legitimate construction projects through a complex web of bank accounts, principally in the UK and Dubai. Confiscation proceedings in 2018-19 have recovered significant sums from convicted defendants which will be used to compensate the defrauded organisations. Press Links: [BBC](#)

- Operation Vista (2016) Prosecuted 7 defendants, including those responsible for organising the laundering of funds from a European VAT fraud: see Operation Vista (2017) EWCA Crim 308, R v Aslam (2017) EWCA Crim 277.
- Operation Bamburgh (2015) Conspiracy to defraud by a number of corrupt professionals in NE England acting in breach of their professional obligations arising out of a £110m mortgage fraud.
- Operation Twylight (2014) Prosecuted seven people, including four Gambian diplomats, for conspiracy to cheat the Revenue of £4.8m duty and tax evaded through a systematic abuse of the duty free scheme enjoyed by diplomatic missions in the UK.
- Operation Twylight (2014) Prosecution of company directors involved in an immigration fraud, based upon the fraudulent obtaining of Sponsorship Licences to sponsor non EEA migrant workers under Tier 2 Points Based System and the laundering of the proceeds of the sale of so called "Work Permits" through a substantial series of complex financial movements.
- Operation Inertia (2007-2012) Instructed as one of the prosecution team in one of the largest and most complex MTIC frauds to date: 17 defendants and five trials with estimated losses of £170m over a five month period.
- Operation Rosary (2012-2014) MTIC prosecution of Midlands based businessmen linked to Operation Inertia.

Proceeds of Crime

Jane Bewsey has extensive experience of prosecuting offences under the Proceeds of Crime regime. She was instructed in one of the first prosecutions for money laundering offences where no predicate offence was charged: R v El-Kurd (2001) Crim L.R.234. and was Special Advisor to the Home Affairs Select Committee on Proceeds of Crime.

She is familiar with the confiscation regime under POCA and has been instructed to act in POCA cases in the Crown Court, the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

- R v Fulton [2019] EWCA Crim 163: Appeal against confiscation order concerning what constituted a power of disposition and control over a bank account for the purposes of calculating benefit from criminal conduct.
- R v El-Kurd (2001) Crim L.R.234 remains a leading authority in conspiracy for the proposition

that it may not be necessary to prove that the carrying out of an agreement will necessarily result in the commission of a specific offence, provided that it can be shown that it would, or was intended to result in the commission of at least one or two identified offences.

Organised Crime

Jane has extensive experience of prosecuting organised crime gangs engaged in drug trafficking and their linked financial activities including money laundering.

Between 2006 and 2009, she was instructed in relation to a series of linked cases arising from an intelligence led Serious Organised Crime investigation and a joint investigatory initiative with Holland:

- R v Harris and 8 others Conspiracy to import cocaine.
- R v Thomas Money laundering.
- R v Smales and Smales Money laundering.
- R v Kurtisivek and 7 others Importing heroin, 8 defendants.
- R v Reynolds and 2 others Conspiracy to import cocaine.

Other cases:

- R v Otusanya and Ugoh (2008) Prosecuting this allegation of conspiracy to import cocaine from Africa to the UK over an 18 month period involving a large number of individual importations by between 15 and 20 different couriers. The prosecution was complex relying on previous prosecutions of couriers and evidence from abroad including Nigeria, Ghana, Uganda, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland and Ireland.
- R v Chambers and 3 others (2008) A SOCA investigation in which it was alleged that the principal defendant ran a "drugs warehouse" from his business premises from which drugs of every all class were recovered including largest ever quantity of amphetamine seized in the UK.

Publications, Lectures and Training

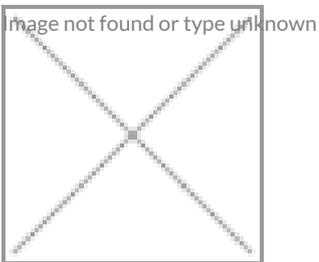
Publications

The Law of Investor Protection (Sweet & Maxwell) (2003): co-author with Jonathan Fisher QC and others.

Recommendations

- *"Excellent and very hard-working, with the detail of the case at her fingertips."* - Chambers UK 2021

- *"A formidable opponent who gets the best results."* - Chambers UK 2021
- *"Very thorough, fair and effective."* - Chambers UK 2021
- *"A consummate prosecutor, fair, thorough and in cross-examination often the undoing of even the cleverest witness."* - Legal 500 2021
- *"Very fair in her approach. She's utterly persistent in cross-examination but able to step back and gain the confidence of the judge as well as the jury."* - Chambers UK 2020
- *"She sets things out with absolute calm and clarity."* - Chambers UK 2020
- *"Formidable yet personable and a thorough cross-examiner"* - Legal 500 2020



Education

MA, Cantab

Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

Inner Temple