



Michael Brompton QC

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1973 (QC 2003)

Michael Brompton prosecutes and defends in serious and complex crime. His specialist areas include:

- Revenue fraud
- Commercial and other serious fraud including insider trading and investment fraud
- Money laundering
- Drug trafficking
- Confiscation and asset forfeiture

Formerly Standing Counsel to H.M. Customs and Excise (1994 – 2003), he is prominent in the field of VAT fraud and has appeared in many of the major cases of the past decade.

His recent and pending cases include: a £130 million MTIC fraud (HMRC Operation Inertia); the prosecution of a management consultant for insider trading (instructed by the FSA); an £80 million carousel fraud (HMRC Operation Vex); a major investment fraud (instructed by the FCA); a multi-million pound mobile phone highjacking fraud; a £70 million bureau de change money laundering prosecution.

He is a member of the Serious Fraud Office Panel of Queen's Counsel and a Recorder of the Crown Court

He is recommended in Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500. Comments include the following:

"Demonstrates excellent tactical and legal ability and is always very well prepared" and "His style and delivery in court are smooth, yet extremely powerful".

"An outstanding lawyer, who has miraculous ability to master large and complex briefs"

- Legal 500 (2014)

Notable Cases

Prosecution

- Knights & Maguire — House of Lords decision on confiscation procedures
- Saunders & Ors – MTIC/ Carousel fraud

- Uddin & Ors – Underworld banker prosecuted for money-laundering
- Kelly – Court of Appeal decision on Gaming Act meaning of ‘game of chance’
- Krestin & Macpherson – solicitor and accountant prosecuted for money laundering

Defence

- Chambers – Drugs
- Harris – Knife killing
- Waters – Sexual killing
- Stacey - Teenage baby killing
- Qureshi - Drugs

Civil

- BBC v CAFCASS Legal & Ors – Right of BBC to broadcast a documentary about care proceedings.

Education/Professional

- Standing Counsel to HM Customs & Excise 1994 - 2003
- Queen’s Counsel 2003
- Recorder of the Crown Court
- Member of the Criminal Bar Association