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Tom Payne specialises in financial crime, particularly cases involving complex issues of taxation, accountancy and money laundering. He is routinely instructed in cases of unusual complexity or sensitivity, and his career has included a number of legal firsts:

- The first paperless criminal trials in England and Wales using EPE and iPad jury bundles in a series of highly complex tax frauds;
- The first prosecutions for the cartel offence;
- The first prosecution arising from the Victims Right of Review scheme;
- The first prosecution for offences under s2(16) CJA 1988.

He is regularly instructed in major cases by the CPS, FRC, SFO and CM

Fraud & Corporate Crime

Tom has a formidable fraud and money laundering practice.

Recent highlights have included:

- The first three paperless trials to be prosecuted in England and Wales, using EPE and iPad jury bundles (Operation Savate)
- Prosecuting a series of linked money laundering conspiracies (Operations Borzoi and Bayweek)

- The first prosecutions for the cartel offence (the marine hose cartel, the BA/Virgin price fixing case)
- Instructed by the SFO in the first prosecution for offences under s2(16) CJA 1988

Professional Disciplinary & Regulatory

Tom has a substantial professional discipline practice:

- Presently instructed by the FRC in an ongoing investigation
- Advised the FRC in its settlement of proceedings against PwC concerning the audit of Cattles plc
- Instructed by the FRC in proceedings before the FRC disciplinary tribunal against directors of Welcome Financial Services Ltd (FRC v Corr, FRC v Miller)

Publications, Lectures and Training

M. Lucraft and T. Payne, *Crown Court Index 2018* (Sweet & Maxwell, edition in preparation 2017);

M. Lucraft and T. Payne, *Crown Court Index 2017* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2016);

M. Lucraft and T. Payne, *Crown Court Index 2016* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2015);

M. Lucraft, T. Payne and D. Rawlings, *The Dunlop Three: the cartel offence makes its debut* (Archbold News Issue 1, 2009)

Contributing author to Millington and Sutherland Williams: *The Proceeds of Crime, 5th edition* (forthcoming)

Recommendations

He has been recognised as a leading junior by the legal directories for a number of years:

Chambers UK 2018: "He is exceptionally bright, an absolute workhorse, and is fazed by nothing."

Chambers UK 2018: "Very bright and hard-working, he has a mastery of detail that is just phenomenal."

Chambers UK 2017: Listed as a leading junior in Financial Crime and Crime. "A seasoned prosecution counsel...He knows the law, is confident and self-assured."

Legal 500 2017: Listed as a leading junior in Fraud, Crime, and Business and Regulatory Crime. "A highly professional and accomplished advocate...He has excellent judgement and a keen tactical sense...He can marshal complex facts from a mass of material..."

Chambers UK 2016: Listed as a leading junior in Financial Crime and Crime. "A highly respected crime junior...hard-working, cool and not easily flapped..." -

- *"Experienced in the field of fraud."* - [Legal 500 2016](#)
- *"A highly sought after junior...expertise in MTIC and tax fraud..."*- [Chambers UK 2015](#)
- *"An extremely hardworking, talented advocate..."* - [Legal 500 2015](#)
- *"Admired for his work ethic and unflappable demeanour...Persuasive, charming...meticulous."* - [Chambers UK 2014](#)
- *"A delight to work with"* - [Legal 500 2014](#)
- *"A real star."* - [Legal 500 2013](#)

Education

MA Jurisprudence (Trinity College, Oxford)

LLM (Birmingham)

Memberships

Elected member of Bar Council since 2015

Bar Council Remuneration Committee

Member of CBA Executive

Former CBA Treasurer