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Jonathan Fisher QC is ranked as a leading barrister in Band 1 for Financial Crime and Proceeds of Crime cases by the internationally recognised law directory, Chambers & Partners UK. He is also ranked in the legal directories as a leading barrister for financial services, fraud (civil), fraud (criminal) and tax cases.

With extensive experience in civil, criminal and regulatory cases, Jonathan has particular expertise in the areas of bribery and corruption, economic sanctions, financial services, fraud, money laundering and proceeds of crime, and tax disputes. Much of Jonathan's work involves cross-border transactions, offshore companies and trusts. He has represented defendants and prosecution authorities in many serious or complex criminal and civil trials, and recent advisory work includes cases connected with the disclosure of the Panama Papers and the Paradise Papers.

In addition, Jonathan is experienced in pharmacy-related and professional disciplinary cases, and unusually, Peerage claims.

Authorised to accept Public Access cases, with the Right to Conduct Litigation.

Crime

- **SFO v ENRC**[2018] EWCA - (corporate investigation, alleged corruption, legal professional privilege)
- **Malabu Oil and Gas Ltd v Director of Public Prosecutions** [2016] Lloyd's Rep FC 108 (international mutual assistance, restraint order, bribery and corruption, Nigerian oil field);
- **R v Office of the Prime Minister and Home Secretary ex parte Wheeler** [2015] 1 C.M.L.R. 46 (judicial review: European Arrest Warrant, European Public Prosecutor Office, EU fraud, legitimate expectation, Parliamentary privilege)
- **HMRC v Curran** [2012] S.T.I. 3332 (tax dispute: interest relief, avoidance, setting aside settlement agreement)
- **Wiese v UKBA** [2012] Lloyd's Rep. F.C. 681 (proceeds of crime: money laundering, cash forfeiture)

- **R (on the application of Lunn) v Revenue and Customs Commissioners** [2011] STC 1028 (tax dispute: alleged multi-million-pound evasion)
- **SEC v Manterfield** [2010] 1 WLR 172 (fraud: hedge fund alleged investment fraud, crossborder freezing order).

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- Advising a professional client on the money laundering and professional regulatory matters following the disclosure of the Mossack Fonseca papers in Panama;
- Advising one of the UK's largest estate agencies in handling an HMRC investigation into systemic breaches of the Money Laundering Regulations;
- Advising a Middle Eastern owned money service bureau in connection with an investigation into alleged money laundering involving over £100 million;
- Advising a professional client on money laundering matters in connection with the Swiss and Singaporean investigations into the \$42 billion alleged 1Malaysia Development fraud;
- Advising a high net worth taxpayer following HMRC's rejection of a taxpayer's voluntary disclosure under the Lichtenstein Disclosure Facility;
- Preparing a submission to HMRC on behalf of a high net worth taxpayer on reasons why criminal charges should not be brought where the taxpayer was involved in a failed tax avoidance film scheme;
- Advising on the potential application of revenue offences (and consequential money laundering offences) where a company has imported products into the UK from China in breach of EU antidumping provisions;
- Advising on the application of Libyan economic sanctions and the continuing validity of licences obtained from HM Treasury.

Recommendations

- *"Extremely helpful at giving practical and quality advice on tax-related matters." "He's great for matters that span both tax and crime." - Tax, Chambers UK (2020)*
- *"He is accessible and responsive, and is reassuringly prepared to take a view even where there might be relatively little case law, and that really requires judgement." "He comes across as very confident in his advice, and does not leave you questioning whether what he has advised is the correct way forward." - Financial Services, Chambers UK (2020)*
- *"An absolute leading authority on money laundering cases and a mine of information, who is very accessible, highly user-friendly and a pleasure to deal with." "He's very hands-on and has an ability to summarise complex issues succinctly and memorably." - Financial Crime, Chambers UK (2020)*
- *"Approachable, clear in his advice and supportive in difficult situations." "He is a true expert who can be relied upon. He has a very high standard of client service and is always very quick to respond." - POCA Work & Asset Forfeiture, Chambers UK (2020)*
- *"He is one of the brightest financial crime lawyers in this country. He leaves no stone unturned, has a phenomenal brain and has done some really fantastic international work." "Jonathan is an absolute leading authority on money laundering cases and is a mine of information. Yet at*

the same time he is very accessible, user-friendly and a pleasure to deal with." - **Chambers (2018)**

- *"He gives consistently robust, practical and commercial advice" "He has a gift for setting out clear strategy in even the most complex case." "The consummate modern Silk, he leads from the front and is hands-on" "The person clients want fighting in their corner if they are in a tight spot." "He speaks with great authority and has encyclopaedic knowledge" "Highly respected and highly effective; a sage of the tax bar."* - **Legal 500 (2017)**
- *"User-friendly, easy to work with, and a great team player. He wins plaudits for his technical knowledge and persistence when tackling high value accounting fraud and bribery cases." "He is very dogged, incredibly knowledgeable, and someone with a good sense of humour. He gets across complex messages in a very entertaining way, and can make the convoluted readily understandable." "Exhibits a rare depth of knowledge and expertise in relation to money laundering matters, and his advice is both insightful and highly practical."* - **Financial Crime: - Chambers UK (2017)**
- *"Particularly valued for his advice on the criminal aspects of financial services, often providing support on matters of money laundering and economic sanctions. His strong enforcement credentials mean that he is often seen advising on multi-jurisdictional market abuse cases." "He's very knowledgeable in his areas of expertise and has strong opinions which are obviously well reasoned, well thought out and therefore reliable."* - **Financial Services: -Chambers UK (2017)**
- *"Has a well-respected practice and frequently assists high-profile individuals, City firms and US firms with money laundering issues." "He's always very responsive, and he understands our business - he's a leader in this field but he is also down to earth and understands commercial concerns as well as the law.' 'He's highly intelligent, very responsive, easy to work with, and a person whom clients quickly grow to trust."* - **POCA Work & Asset Forfeiture: - Financial Services: - Chambers UK (2017)**
- *"Specialises in representing individual and corporate taxpayers in HMRC investigations. Sources highlight his previous experience as standing counsel to the Inland Revenue as being particularly helpful." "I use him because of his experience advising the Revenue before he moved to private practice. He knows how the Revenue ticks, and is very approachable and very good with clients."* - **Tax: - Chambers UK (2017)**
- *"A very effective advocate, both in terms of oral submission and written advice. Has the ability to distil the relevant points and focus on what matters. In a game of chess, he would be five steps ahead"* - **Chambers UK (2016)**
- *"He is a true expert in his field and somebody who is a pleasure to deal with. He is well able to communicate with both lawyers and clients, and makes points which are relevant and straightforward"* - **Chambers UK (2016)**
- *"He is very thorough and able to explain things in a simplified form"* - **Chambers UK (2016)**

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- *"A rare breed who is well able to deal with hybrid financial, banking, criminal and regulatory law"* - **Legal 500 (2015)**
- *"Cerebral, knowledgeable and authoritative"* - **Legal 500 (2015)**

- “Extremely thoughtful and considered in the run-up to court but once in the heat of battle pulls no punches” – Chambers UK (2008)
- “Meticulous in preparation, extremely responsive and hard-working – judges defer to his knowledge” – Legal 500 (2008)

Publications, Lectures and Training

Books:

- *The Criminal Finances Act 2017*, co-author, Informa Law, awaiting publication;
- *Pharmacy Law & Practice*, co-author, Elsevier
- *Law of Investor Protection*, co-author, Sweet & Maxwell

Chapters:

- *Supplement to Arlidge & Parry on Fraud*, co-author, Thomson Sweet & Maxwell, awaiting publication;
- *Simon’s Taxes*, volume 1 (disputes and investigations);
- *Cordery on Legal Services*, section 5 (money laundering);
- *Fraud in Civil and Criminal Law, Research Handbook on International Financial Crime*, Edward Elgar;
- *Fighting Financial Crime in the Global Economic Crisis, Policing the Financial Markets, Risk and Recklessness*, Routledge;
- *Temas de Anticorrupcao e Compliance, The UK Bribery Act 2010*, Elsevier (Brazil);
- *International Guide to Money Laundering Law & Practice, Confiscating the Proceeds of Crime*, Bloomsbury Professional;
- *A Practitioner’s Guide to International Money Laundering Law and Regulation, EU Directives*, Sweet & Maxwell;
- *Tax Fraud, Arlidge & Parry on Fraud*, Thomson Sweet & Maxwell.

Peer-reviewed journals:

- *Confiscation: Deprivatory and not Punitive* [2018] *Criminal Law Review* 192, co-author;
- *Permanent injunction to prevent market abuse* [2015] *Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law* 681;
- *Part 1 of Serious Crime Act 2015: Strengthening the restraint and confiscation regime*, September 2015: *Crim. L.R.* [2015]753-765;
- *Criminal forms of high frequency trading on the financial markets* [2015] *Law and Financial Markets Review* 113, (co-author);
- *The vulnerability of HMRC to penetration by criminal actors* [2012] *Journal of Money Laundering*

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Education

BA in Law (1st Class);

Master's degree in law, LLM (Cantab)

Called to the Bar, Gray's Inn

Memberships

Chartered Institute of Taxation (Fellow)

Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association

Criminal Bar Association

Dubai International Financial Court (registered practitioner)

Abu Dhabi Global Financial Markets Court (registered practitioner)

Society of Legal Scholars

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (accredited practitioner)