



Oliver Jarvis

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Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

Education

- (Hons) Northumbria University

Overview

Oliver's areas of specialism include murder, organised crime involving international drugs conspiracies, money laundering and fraud, fatal road traffic offences – as recommended by the 'Legal 500', and regulatory offences.

Oliver is a defence specialist and has acted as lead counsel in many trials. Oliver defends throughout England and Wales in the most serious and often high-profile cases.

He has specialist experience of cases involving journalistic intrusion and linked human rights issues, covert surveillance, regulation of investigatory powers and issues of abuse of process and exclusion of evidence.

Oliver's knowledge of information technology assists him particularly in fraud cases which demand the management of vast amounts of material. He has acted as lead counsel in numerous large scale frauds.

Recommendations

“Oliver is an exceptional advocate who obtains very good outcomes for all clients, whether it be a not guilty verdict or as a result of his mitigation. His preparation of cases and presentation is always very thorough, and he has a very good manner with clients and places them at ease in highly stressful situations.”

The Legal 500 2025

Ranked Tier 2 for Crime (General and Fraud)

The Legal 500 2024

“Oliver is punctual, prompt, has great client care and is thorough and very positive.”

The Legal 500 2023

“Oliver has developed an in-depth understanding of all forms of expert evidence in this area including collision investigation, medical defences and tachograph analysis.”

The Legal 500 2022

“A master of the theatre of court and is most impressive in closing speeches.”

The Legal 500 2021

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The Legal 500 2020

“Recommended for fatal road traffic offences.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“He has expertise in defending fatal road traffic offences.”

The Legal 500 2017

“He provides a top-notch service to clients and solicitors.”

The Legal 500 2016

“Able to handle voluminous amounts of material”

The Legal 500 2015

Beyond the Bar

Oliver is also a writer of fiction and non-fiction on life in the courtroom. He wrote highly acclaimed Radio 4 drama Judgement exploring a barrister's thought processes whilst cross-examining a rape victim. Using his knowledge of the Indonesian language he traveled to Sumatra where he wrote and presented a BBC documentary entitled Mum Knows Best, which compared two neighbouring tribes, one of which has a matrilineal system of inheritance.

His first novel, a legal thriller, Death By Dangerous was longlisted for the Crime Writers Association Debut Dagger. His second novel, Cut-Throat Defence was published in 2016. Find out more at www.ollyjarvis.co.uk

Oliver also speaks basic Polish, Indonesian and French.