

Mark Graffius



Year of Call: 1990

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Mark Graffius is a 'no nonsense, outstanding advocate', and is a leading junior in the fields of serious crime and complex fraud, in which he excels and is highly sought.

He is skilful and articulate and has been described as 'highly polished' with 'exceptional client care and judgement'.

Mark's particular specialisation is in fraud allegations of corporate crime, but he also has extensive experience in cases involving murder, drug manufacture and importation, money laundering, firearms and cash detentions. He has been involved in numerous high profile organised crime cases from Supergrass cases and gangland murders, to the Tonbridge Robbery and the first successful challenge of DNA evidence in the UK.

Mark has defended directors in cases varying from substantial VAT and Duty and Excise fraud, to a national sub-contracting fraud in the construction industry, to money laundering involving Swiss banks and Swiss Banking Law. Due to his expertise in this area of financial crime, Mark often advises company directors in matters of tax, VAT and directors disqualifications, pre-charge.

Business Crime & Financial Services

Mark is regularly instructed in complex and substantial fraud cases and in asset forfeiture and restraint proceeding.

Mark also advises company directors pre-charge and in matters of tax, VAT and director's disqualifications.

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Cases

HMRC v Italian Wine Company

Over a 5 year period from 2008 to 2013, the Italian Wine Company allegedly smuggled wine from Italy by manipulating the Excise Movement and Control System and by the multiple use of Administrative Reference Codes on importation documents. HMRC estimated that the total VAT, Excise Duty and Corporation Tax evaded was over £46.5 million.

R v S

£250 million MTIC fraud – Operation Euripus, representing a director of four Hong Kong and two EU based companies alleged to have been a main EU supplier and responsible for organizing the movement of money off-shore.

R v Collins

£80 million MTIC fraud – Operation Vex, representing a director of a UK and Dubai based companies.

R v M

£3.5 million land banking fraud representing the director of three companies alleged to have held and sold land for investment as an unregulated Collective Investment Scheme.

R v D

Representing a director in an alleged national subcontracting fraud carried out over a three-year period in the construction industry.

R v Z

Conspiracy to defraud mortgage lenders involving portfolios of property alleged to have been carried out over a nine-year period.

R v W

Leading Counsel. Defending BIS Prosecution of Director charged with defrauding creditors.

R v H

Conspiracy to defraud involving Swiss Banks and Swiss banking law and procedure.

R v A

Leading Counsel. Defending SFO Prosecution of Corporate Share Fraud.

R v Hussain

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Multi-million commercial mortgage fraud.

Criminal Defence

Cases

R v Gul

Conspiracy to supply firearms

R v Qureshi

Fraud on major clearing banks by computer hacking

R v Connolly

International tobacco smuggling operation valued at £70 million.

R v M

Conspiracy to Rob, Kidnap and possess firearms. Robbery of £53 million from the Securitas Depot Tonbridge.

R v Hillier

Robbery of gold bullion, diamonds and currency from Brinks Matt at Swissport Heathrow.

Appointments & Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

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