

Oliver Kirk

YEAR OF HIGHER RIGHTS: 2009



Oliver Kirk is an experienced criminal advocate, instructed in complex and serious criminal cases. He is recognised in Chambers & Partners for his expertise in criminal law.

"He is superbly well-prepared and deals with clients very well."

Chambers & Partners, 2025

"He has a way of bringing people to his way of thinking, has good judgement and juries adore him."

Chambers & Partners, 2025

Overview

Oliver is an experienced criminal advocate. He represents clients in the most serious and complex criminal cases. Prior to being called to the Bar, Oliver was a solicitor for 22 years and a Higher Courts Advocate for the last 10. As a result, Oliver has gained a wealth of experience that means he is ideally placed to advise solicitors on case preparation in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for his clients.

Oliver is currently instructed in a multi-handed money laundering, a large scale drug importation and offences of serious violence.

Oliver is recognised in Chambers & Partners for crime:

"A barrister with an engaging style, he's got a very nice touch with juries and is great with clients."

Chambers & Partners 2024.

"He's got a persuasive style and is a man who's going places."

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"Oliver is incredibly straightforward and pragmatic and he has a brilliant way with clients."

Chambers & Partners, 2025

Professional Memberships

Kent Bar Mess.

Business Crime & Financial Regulation

Oliver accepts instructions in all aspects of Business Crime. He has been instructed in cases involving serious and organised crime, allegations of evasion of duty and money laundering

offences, smuggling, cross-border crime and large scale frauds.

Criminal Defence

Oliver is a very experienced criminal advocate with a record of dealing with all manner of serious allegations.

He has been instructed in VHCC cases, murders and very significant drug-smuggling cases.

Prior to coming to the Bar, he specialised as a Crown Court advocate representing defendants facing allegations in serious and organised crime including fraud, firearms offences, serious violence and cross-border crime; evasion of duty, drug and people smuggling .

Oliver has also advised on appeals from the Crown Court and appeared in the Court of Appeal.

Criminal Prosecutions - Private & Public

Oliver is a very experienced criminal advocate with a record of dealing with all manner of serious allegations. Oliver also has experience of Private Prosecutions and accepts instructions in such cases.

Cases of Note

In the Crown Court:

R v M and Ors (Operation Distal) - 2019

Second on an indictment alleging car ringing and money laundering. Hove Crown Court. (Not guilty).

R v H and Ors (Operation Shirin) - 2018

Led junior - Second on indictment alleging facilitation of illegal immigration and money laundering. Woolwich Crown Court.

R v B - 2018

Allegation of S18 where the assault had resulted in catastrophic brain damage to the victim. Canterbury Crown Court. (Not guilty).

R v Z - 2018

Allegation of assisting unlawful immigration. Canterbury Crown Court.

R v A - 2018

Allegation of "County Lines" supply of Class A drugs. Canterbury Crown Court. (Not guilty).

R v M - 2017

Intervening in confiscation proceedings on behalf of an estranged wife. Canterbury Crown Court. Successfully submitted that the entire proceedings were an abuse of process (including those against the husband).

R v H - 2017

Allegation of theft of hire cars being brought to the UK through Dover. Canterbury Crown Court. (Not guilty).

R v V - 2016

Allegation of importation of 10kg cocaine by an HGV driver. Canterbury Crown Court (Not guilty).

R v DV and Ors - 2015

Multi-handed conspiracy to import 5kg of cocaine into the United Kingdom. Maidstone Crown Court (Not guilty -half time submission).

R v H and Ors - 2014

Multi-handed conspiracy to evade duty. Represented an HGV driver. Maidstone Crown Court (Not guilty).

In the Court of Appeal:

R v G

Appeal against sentence for robbery for a Youth.

R v C

Appeal against sentence for supply of class A drugs for an 18 year old.

R v W

Appeal against sentence of 9 years for violent robbery in the home.

Accreditation

