



Richard Butcher is recognised as a hard working leading junior praised for his good judgment and unflappable nature in court. He has been described as well mannered and approachable, with a great ability to assimilate information quickly and make the right decisions accordingly.

He has built up a large and varied practice across the whole spectrum of criminal work but in response to demand for his skills has for the last 10 years concentrated on defending those who fall foul of regulatory investigations.

## NOTABLE CASES

R v. Uddin & Ors 2005 (Operation Venison). This important case exposed systematic failures by HM Customs and Excise investigators and led to the staying of proceedings against all defendants and an investigation into Customs conduct by the IPCC. The case was a landmark decision in relation to abuse of process applications.

R v Cox & Ors 2006-7 (Operation Divert). Defending £80 million VAT carousel fraud.

R v Adamson & Ors 2008 (Operation Sunbird). Defending in £20 million fraud on the RBS.

R v Reeve & Ors 2008 – present (Operation Epoch). Defending large scale DFES fraud involving the ILEA scheme.

R v Clarke 2008. Court of Appeal decision that established that a confiscation order should not be made where a conditional discharge had been imposed.

## EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

Richard started his career in London where he was a pupil in Treasury Counsel's chambers (6 KBW). His first 6 months in Pupillage were spent assisting his then pupil master in the prosecution of the Brighton Bombers trial. Whilst still a pupil he was lead in the defence of Cynthia Payne ( "Madame Cyn"), the Streatham brothel case, before taking cases in his own right.

## PERSONAL

In 2003 he moved from London to Manchester to be nearer his family. He continues to enjoy his sport (particularly cricket and squash), fresh air and getting a life...