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Rebecca Chalkley KC



Rebecca's practice is cross-border and cross-discipline. She has extensive experience in all areas of Business & Financial Crime, Cyber Crime, Fraud, Bribery & Corruption, Tax & Insolvency, Money Laundering, Proceeds of Crime, Confiscation, Financial Service Regulation, Professional Discipline, Health Care Regulation, Environmental Regulation, Health & Safety and Sports & Global Investigations.

Rebecca is ranked as a leading silk for Financial Crime and Business and Regulatory Crime (including (global) International Investigations). She is listed in the "Business Crime Defence" category of the Who's Who Legal UK Bar 2024 Directory. She advises and acts on behalf of corporates, in-house and City solicitors in areas such as compliance, Insolvency, corporate governance, Civil Recovery, business investigations, dispute resolution, fraud, Restraint, Freezing Orders, Norwich Pharmacal Orders, Deferred Prosecution Agreements, and Private Prosecutions.

Rebecca regularly acts for advises High Net Worth individuals both in their personal capacity and on behalf of their associated companies.

Rebecca has an international element to her practice. She is currently instructed by a family trust in a commercial dispute in Jersey and has recently acted for the Attorney General of Bermuda.

She was until her appointment as KC, Standing Counsel to the Department for Business and the Insolvency Service and advised on their most complicated issues of policy and their prosecutions. She has a vast experience of matters relating to Insolvency and Bankruptcy, as well as Director's Disqualification and matters under the Companies Act. She regularly advises and acts for individuals and companies in such matters.

She is instructed in regulatory and quasi-criminal matters on cases involving breaches of Regulatory & Professional Discipline and on behalf of and against regulatory bodies. This includes the Health and Safety Executive, the Environment Agency, the Financial Conduct Authority, the General Medical Council, and the General Optical Council.

She advises on and acts in Extradition cases. This includes cases involving the USA, the Russian Federation and Bermuda. This involves both the use and understanding of matters relating to International Criminal Law and Civil Liberties and Human Rights.

She has been instructed by various government departments, including in cases before the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC). Rebecca was instructed by the Government, in the Kamoka litigation, concerning allegations of rendition and ill treatment sustained in Libya, brought against the British Government. She has experience of advising in Inquests & Inquiries.

Rebecca has experience of advising on Judicial Review arising from both civil and criminal matters.

She is described in the directories as "the Queen of Disclosure". In July 2022 she co-authored with Brian Altman KC the SFO's independent review into the collapse of the R V Woods and Marshall trial (SERCO), The Altman Review. She has vast experience with regards to Legal Professional Privilege (LPP) and regularly advises on such matters.

Business Crime & Fraud

Rebecca is ranked as a leading silk for Financial Crime and Business and Regulatory Crime (including global investigations).

Rebecca is listed in the "Business Crime Defence" category of the Who's Who Legal UK Bar 2024 Directory.

She has extensive experience of defending and prosecuting serious and complex Fraud, Business Crime and Money Laundering (including HMRC, SFO, Private Prosecutions, Companies House, CPS) cases. With this has come an expertise in Confiscation and Restraint.

Rebecca has both prosecuted and defended in cases of money laundering and has a wealth of experience advising in relation to suspicious activity reports (SARs). She has experience of appeals against forfeiture orders made under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and of complex confiscation hearings.

Rebecca is often instructed to act pre-charge or at the early stage of proceedings. This is in on behalf of both suspects pre and during the interview phase and the investigating authority.

She has been instructed in various cases which resulted in Deferred Prosecutions Agreements (DPA), including that against Rolls Royce PLC.

She is a member of the LexisNexis Corporate Crime Consulting Editorial Board

Tax & Insolvency

Rebecca was until her appointment as KC, Standing Counsel to the Department for Business and the Insolvency Service and advised those departments on their most complicated issues including policy and their prosecutions.

She has a vast experience of matters relating to Insolvency and Bankruptcy, as well as Director's Disqualification and matters under the Companies Act. She regularly advises and acts for individuals, including High Net Worth individuals and Family Offices, and corporates in such matters.

Rebecca successfully prosecuted the tennis player Boris Becker for offences under the Insolvency Act. She was named as the Times Lawyer of the Week for this.



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Bribery & Corruption

Rebecca has significant experience of cases involving bribery and corruption, particularly with an international dimension.

She was instructed in the SFO's investigations into Rolls Royce PLC as well as ENRC. These attracted extensive media and public interest both nationally and internationally.

She is currently instructed on behalf of the CEO of a multinational company which is under investigation by the SFO, the US Department of Justice (DOJ), the FCA and its sectors regulators for allegations of international bribery and corruption.

Rebecca has experience of advising corporate clients upon self-reporting and anti-bribery and corruption responsibilities.

In addition to Bribery & Corruption, Rebecca has significant experience of cases involving Misconduct in a Public Office. This includes two of the largest to have appeared before the Courts in recent times.

Cyber Crime & Data Protection

Rebecca has experience of advising companies in respect of 'cybercrime' offences, offences under the Misuse of Computers Act and industrial espionage. This includes the Private Prosecution on behalf of an Insurance Company, of a former employee who 'hacked' back into their systems to steal confidential data, client lists, for use by his new employer.

Private Prosecutions

Rebecca has been and is instructed (defending and prosecuting), in the largest Private Prosecution before the courts and is recognised by the legal directories as a leader in that field. She has been 'spotlighted' as such in Chambers UK.

Rebecca often advises Corporates, Individuals and bodies (including charities, Insolvency Practitioners and Trustees in Bankruptcy) at the initial stages of the discovery of the "wrongdoing" with regards to the various options available to them before both the civil and criminal courts.

Including The obtaining of material via the civil and criminal courts, including Witness Summons, Production Orders and Norwich Pharmacal Orders. The freezing and Restraint of assets both domestically and world-wide and Civil Recovery. Advising on the preparation of the case to be referred to a Regulator, the SFO, the police for public prosecution.

Investigations

Rebecca is ranked as a leading silk for (global) International Investigations.

She advises Corporates, Individuals and bodies (including These cases often include matters and issues relating to charities, Insolvency Practitioners and Trustees in Bankruptcy) at the initial stages of the discovery of the "wrongdoing" with regards to the various options available to them before both the civil and criminal courts. Advising on the scope and nature of internal and external domestic and international Investigations, and the analysis of the fruits of such investigation.

Financial Services Regulation

Rebecca is ranked as a leading Silk for Regulatory Crime.

She has experience in cases conducted by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and other Financial Service Regulators.

She advises and acts on behalf of corporates, high net worth individuals in areas such as compliance, Insolvency, and corporate governance.

She was until her appointment as KC, Standing Counsel to the Department for Business and the Insolvency Service. She has a vast experience of matters relating to Insolvency and Bankruptcy, as well as Director's Disqualification, Companies House and matters under the Companies Act. She regularly advises and acts for individuals and companies on such matters.

Professional Discipline

Rebecca has many years of experience advising on and acting in cases involving Professional Misconduct. This is both on behalf of and against regulatory bodies. This includes the General Medical Council, and the General Optical Council.

Health & Safety

Rebecca has extensive experience of acting in cases brought by the Health & Safety Executive. This includes cases where serious life changing injuries or fatalities have occurred. She has particular expertise in cases involving asbestos.

Environment

Rebecca has been instructed in the Environment Agency's largest and most high-profile water pollution cases. She has extensive experience of acting in and advising on (defence and prosecution) all aspects of environmental crime and regulation. She recently defended the largest Tree Preservation Order (TPO) case before the courts to date.

Rebecca successfully prosecuted the first case under the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations.

Serious & Organised Crime

Rebecca has been instructed for the last 25 years in a very large number of drug trafficking and money laundering cases, involving various national and international law enforcement agencies (including the NCA, DOJ & FBI).

Extradition

Rebecca is regularly instructed in Extradition cases. This includes cases involving the USA, the Russian Federation and Bermuda.

These cases often include matters and issues relating to International Criminal Law and Civil and Human Rights issues.

Trading Standards

Rebecca has experience of advising and acting in cases involving infringements of Trademark.

This includes advising and acting for JUUL the American Global E-Cigarette brand in a series of Private Prosecutions.



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