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## Practice Profile

***Natasha Wong is a leading Criminal Silk Ranked as a Leader in Financial Crime and Crime in Chambers & Partners UK Bar every year since 2013 and a Leading individual in the Legal 500 every year since 2012 and ranked in Tier 1 for Fraud Legal 500 2017.***

### **FINANCIAL CRIME AND REGULATORY:**

Specialist defence counsel with expertise over the full range of investigations into civil fraud, financial crime, confiscation, regulatory and disciplinary hearings. Her practice is focused particularly on defending those charged with or being investigated in respect of serious and complex fraud cases, allegations of cheating the revenue, money laundering, bribery and corruption. Has also acted for professional clients accused of false accounting, theft from client accounts, conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and a range of disciplinary matters. Recent work includes representing the rights of third parties in confiscation proceedings, regulatory proceedings in the Upper Tax Tribunal, and acting for a defendant charged with EURIBOR manipulation. Many of her cases involve multi-jurisdictional aspects as well as detailed legal arguments, including the admissibility of evidence, joinder and severance, challenging and advising upon expert evidence, legal professional & litigation privilege, applications to stay the proceedings on the grounds of abuse of process and or fitness to stand trial, public interest immunity and disclosure issues, dismissal applications and submissions of no case to answer. Very experienced at managing large quantities of documents, disclosure databases and expert forensic evidence.

### **CRIME:**

Natasha Wong has a wealth of experience in acting in numerous cases involving homicide in particular matters where defendants and witnesses are said to be vulnerable. Cases have included gang related murders involving firearms and cases involving infants. She is instructed privately to represent individuals facing serious allegations under the Sexual Offences Act.

Registered to undertake Public Access work.

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## Areas of Practice

- Appellate
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Fraud & Financial Crime
- General Crime
- Homicide & Corporate Manslaughter
- Prosecution
- Public Access
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Sexual Offences
- Serious & Organised Crime

## What The Directories Say

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"A highly diligent new silk who exhibits clear communication skills and has great sensitivity to client concerns. High-value money laundering, rate rigging and corporate theft matters feature in her caseload. She is noted for her experience of handling matters for financial services clients." *Chambers UK 2018*

"Her meticulous approach wins plaudits from interviewees who also value her ability to get to the heart of complex fraud matters". *Chambers UK 2017*

"Her attention to detail, tactical acumen and sensitivity with clients all deserve the highest praise." *Chambers UK 2018*

'She demonstrates detailed preparation, forensic analysis of the evidence and great people skills.' *Legal 500 2017*

## News

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### Natasha Wong QC joins 5KBW

15 March 2018

Chambers are delighted to announce that Natasha Wong QC has joined Chambers with immediate effect. Natasha Wong is a leading Criminal Silk and has been constantly ranked as a Leader in Financial Crime and Crime in Chambers & Partners UK Bar editions and a Leading individual in the Legal 500. Natasha is ranked in Tier 1 for Fraud in the most recent Legal 500 edition. Natasha Wong was called to the Bar in 1993 and appointed Queens Counsel in 2017.

## Recent Cases

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### R v. Nazzary & ors [C.C.C.] 2018

Gang knife attack

Natasha Wong QC led Dickon Reid in the defence of a vulnerable young man with very limited English who was acquitted of joint enterprise murder and manslaughter as secondary party in alleged gang knife attack involving a drug debt. Instructed by Thomas Boyd Whyte Solicitors.

### In the matter of M [Southwark] 2018

Manipulation of interbank benchmark rates

Natasha Wong QC acted for former derivatives trader in regulatory proceedings brought by the FCA and in criminal proceedings involving the alleged dishonest manipulation of interbank benchmark rates. Instructed by Withers Worldwide/Sternberg Reed.

### R v DE & ors [Kingston] 2018

Conspiracies to cheat the revenue by importation of dutiable goods to the UK

Natasha Wong QC acted for the defence in this case involving conspiracies to cheat the revenue by importation of dutiable goods to the UK and launder proceeds of crime. Instructed by Paul Martin & Co.

### **R v J Abidi & ors [Southwark] 2018**

Money Service bureau accused of laundering £60m proceeds of drug/revenue crime

Natasha Wong QC was trial counsel for owner/manager of Money Service bureau accused of laundering £60m proceeds of drug/revenue crime involving detailed analysis of surveillance material/ covert recordings and ledgers. Instructed by Hodge Jones and Allen

### **R v J Smith & ors [Bristol] 2017**

Conspiracy to steal £1.9m of telecommunications equipment

Natasha Wong QC acted for this Company director acquitted of conspiracy to steal £1.9m of telecommunications equipment and laundering the proceeds by creating false paperwork through a network of Companies. Instructed by JD Law.

### **R v. Desai [Guildford] 2017**

Pharmacist cleared of murder

Natasha Wong QC was Leading counsel for this pharmacist who was acquitted of murdering his elderly father by feeding him a smoothie laced with morphine. Defence was that he made the smoothie at his father's request to assist his suicide. Instructed by Freemans.

Daily Telegraph report [here](#).

### **R v S Roberts [Guildford] 2017**

Vulnerable woman in very poor health accused of laundering proceeds of crime through various bank accounts

Natasha Wong QC was trial Counsel of vulnerable woman in very poor health accused of laundering proceeds of crime through various bank accounts, with confiscation proceedings. Instructed by Duncan Lewis

### **In the matter of L [Bristol] 2017**

Wife of a convicted company director securing her third party rights to a significant share of the marital home and pension

Natasha Wong QC acted for wife of a convicted company director securing her third party rights to a significant share of the marital home and pension. Instructed by LP Evans

### **R v M [St. Albans] 2017**

Professional man accused of assault on wife

Natasha Wong QC was Counsel for professional man acquitted of assault upon wife. Instructed by Sternberg Reed

### **R v G and C [Isleworth] 2017**

Air rage incident on packed flight

Natasha Wong QC conducted the guilty plea and suspended sentence orders in respect of air rage incident on packed flight

### **Appeal of M S [Court of Appeal] 2017**

Appeal against conviction for attempted murder and possession of shotgun with intent to endanger life

Natasha Wong QC acted for youth with severe learning difficulties and very limited cognitive function on appeal based on fresh expert evidence of his condition and the fairness of his original trial, with additional "Jogee" joint enterprise ground following his conviction for attempted murder and possession of shotgun with intent to endanger life. Instructed by Paul Martin & Co

### **R v L [Maidstone MC] 2017**

Defendant accused of creating indecent images on various electronic devices.

Natasha Wong QC acted for retired defendant accused of creating indecent images on various electronic devices. Instructed by Kingsley Napley.

### **R v Van G [Reading] 2017**

Horse trader accused of importing class A drugs concealed in horse box and laundering over £200k

Natasha Wong QC was trial counsel for acquitted horse trader accused of importing class A drugs concealed in horse box and laundering over £200k, the alleged proceeds of drug crime, defence of duress. Instructed by LP Evans

### **In the matter of W [Woolwich] 2016**

Sister of a convicted drug supplier securing her third party rights to extensive property

Natasha Wong QC acted for the sister of a convicted drug supplier securing her third party rights to extensive property. Instructed by LP Evans

### **R v G [Wood Green] 2016**

Allegation of sexual assault by touching

Natasha Wong QC was Counsel to a man involved in the allegation of sexual assault by touching. Instructed by Ewing Law.

### **Appeal of J V [Court of Appeal] 2016**

Appeal of severely autistic man convicted of fraud

Natasha Wong QC acted for severely autistic man convicted of fraud in appeal based on fresh expert evidence that had never been adduced at his original trial and to demonstrate by reference to extensive transcripts that his trial had not been fair. Instructed by Hodge Jones and Allen

### **R v P West & ors [C.C.C.] 2015**

Hired assassin acquitted of gang related axe murder

Natasha Wong QC was counsel for alleged hired assassin acquitted of gang related axe murder with extensive analysis of cell site, DNA and telephone evidence. Instructed by Bark and Co.

### **R v H-G [Southwark] 2015**

Conspiracy to import 100KG of cocaine to the UK from Columbia, concealed in pallets of bananas.

Natasha Wong QC was trial counsel for defendant accused of conspiracy to import 100KG of cocaine to the UK from Columbia, concealed in pallets of bananas. Instructed by LP Evans

### **R v A Rezza [Southwark] 2014**

Doctor on trial for conspiracy to claim £800,000 from the DWP

Natasha Wong QC was trial counsel for a doctor on trial with his non hearing/speaking mother, sister, and 4 sign language interpreters for conspiracy to claim £800,000 from the DWP by falsely claiming they received and provided sign language interpretation and creating false paperwork to support claims. Instructed by Freemans

### **R v P and ors 2014**

Conspiracies to import cocaine by boatloads to the UK over a 4 year period.

Natasha Wong QC was trial counsel for first defendant acquitted of conspiracies to import cocaine by boatloads to the UK over a 4 year period and accused of aiding and abetting a police officer to commit misfeasance in public office. Instructed by Paul Martin & Co

### **R v ADB [Kingston] 2014**

Film director acquitted of raping an actress after allegedly spiking her drink and luring her to a flat

Natasha Wong QC was trial Counsel for film director acquitted of raping an actress after allegedly spiking her drink and luring her to a flat. Instructed by Bark and Co.

### **Council of Lloyds v J [Lloyds Enforcement Tribunal] 2013**

Underwriter in misconduct proceedings connected with losses of £235m

Natasha Wong QC was Junior Counsel for an underwriter in misconduct proceedings connected with losses of £235m ultimately settled before the Lloyd's Enforcement Tribunal in its regulatory capacity Instructed by Withers Worldwide

### **R v C B [Wood Green] 2013**

Company director accused of fraudulent concealment of, and trading in shares worth £4.5 million

Natasha Wong QC was trial counsel for acquitted company director accused of fraudulent concealment of, and trading in shares worth £4.5 million, at a time when he was allegedly insolvent. Proceedings brought by Department of Business, Innovation and Skills. Instructed by Paul Martin & Co

### **R v W [St Albans] 2013**

Indecent assault allegations made by W's grandchild and others

Natasha Wong QC was trial counsel for W, acquitted of indecent assault allegations made by W's grandchild and others. Instructed by Sternberg Reed

## **Notable Cases**

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### **HMRC v Peter Storrie [Southwark] 2011**

Former chief executive of Portsmouth City Football Club accused of cheating the public revenue

Natasha Wong QC was junior trial counsel for acquitted former chief executive of Portsmouth City Football Club accused of cheating the public revenue. Instructed by Paul Martin & Co.