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## Practice Profile

Bartholomew O'Toole has extensive experience acting in all areas of serious crime including murder, firearms, rape and other sexual offences, serious fraud, armed robbery, grievous bodily harm, drugs importation & production, blackmail, company director and trading standards offences.

He also regularly undertakes family law work including public and private law Children Act proceedings and ancillary relief.

As an active football referee, former Chairman of the Board of the Referees' Association and current Chairman of the Amateur Football Alliance and London Society of Association Referees, Mr O'Toole often advises and represents football referees at internal Football Association Appeal Boards and disciplinary hearings and occasionally in the criminal Courts.

Bartholomew's Privacy Policy can be downloaded [here](#).

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## Areas of Practice

- Family
- General Crime
- Civil
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Public Access
- Military Law
- Prosecution
- Road Traffic
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences

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## News

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### Criminal Appeals Seminar

22 April 2024

5KBW Criminal Appeals Unit is delighted to present the first in a series of seminars on appellate matters:

#### **The Criminal Appeal Office and Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) [CACD]**

A practical approach to CACD procedure: **Master Alix Beldam KC**, Registrar of Criminal Appeals

Fresh evidence as a ground of appeal (now and in the future): **Paul Taylor KC**, General Editor of Taylor on Criminal Appeals

**Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 6pm**

***Inner Temple Lecture Theatre***

Master Beldam KC will discuss the work of the Criminal Appeal Office and the CACD, the procedural framework for launching and pursuing an appeal and the practical issues that often arise.

Paul Taylor KC will analyse the CACD's current approach to grounds of appeal based on fresh evidence. He will also consider potential changes in this area that may follow the recommendations of the Law Commission's Criminal Appeal Project (expected in 2025.)

Please click [here](#) to register your interest in attending this seminar.

## **Acquittal of Importation of 15kg of Class A Drugs**

22 March 2024

Bartholomew O'Toole represented a young overseas woman accused of importing cocaine in a suitcase at Heathrow. After a one-week trial in Winchester the jury returned a unanimous verdict of not guilty. Instructed by David Todd of Wells Burcombe Solicitors

## **Acquittal of perverting the course of public justice**

23 October 2023

Following a 3-week trial at Southwark Crown Court, Bartholomew O'Toole's client is acquitted of perverting the course of public justice.

It was alleged Bartholomew's client, F, attempted to pervert the course of justice by obtaining a passport for her son, who was wanted for homicide, to travel abroad. F admitted obtaining the passport but denied any intention to pervert the course of public justice.

Bartholomew was instructed by Hardeep Dhaliwal of Duncan Lewis Solicitors.

## **Recent Cases**

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