



Practice Profile

Ian Dear has a specialist criminal practice, appearing for the Crown and the Defence in Crown Courts throughout London and the UK.

Ian came to the criminal Bar after many years of owning a computer software company and his practice has encompassed many cases where his intricate knowledge in this area can be exploited.

Additionally work undertaken has included fraud, violent crime, blackmail, false imprisonment, kidnap and arson.

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

Areas of Practice

- General Crime
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Prosecution
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Road Traffic
- Sexual Offences

News

5KBW wins “Crime Set of the Year 2024” at the prestigious Chambers UK Bar Awards

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We are absolutely delighted to announce that 5 King's Bench Walk was awarded "Crime Set of the Year Award 2024" at the Chambers UK Bar Awards held at Old Billingsgate on 15 November. This is Chambers' 5th nomination for the prestigious Chambers UK Bar Awards in the field of Crime. We are very proud to have won this award for the second time in 5 years.

Commenting on the awards, Heads of Chambers at 5 King's Bench Walk, Sarah Forshaw KC and Mark Heywood KC said:

“We are absolutely delighted that 5KBW has been recognised once again as the UK’s pre-eminent Crime Set. It is testament to the outstanding ability of every member of our Chambers, to our excellent clerking services and to our administrative staff. The shortlists and ultimate awards are the result of extensive research by Chambers and Partners. We could not be more proud.”

That our own Louise Oakley also carried away the award for 'Crime Junior of the Year' is the icing on the cake. She is, quite simply, a star."



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