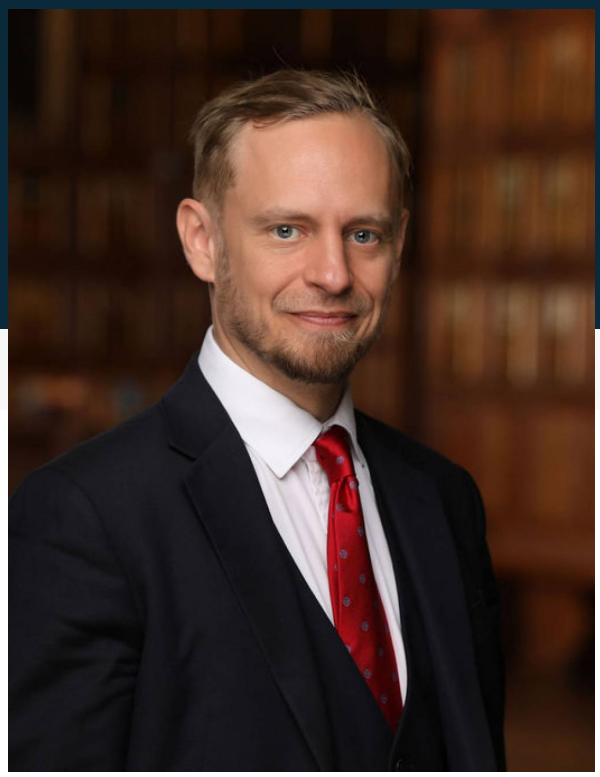
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What others say

- *"Oliver is someone everyone loves; he has that charisma and confidence."*

  "Oliver Renton is an exceptional barrister who consistently delivers outstanding results."

  "Oliver's meticulous attention to detail is evident in every aspect of his preparation. He ensures that no point is overlooked."

  "Oliver's advocacy skills are truly remarkable; he presents arguments with clarity, confidence and precision, commanding the courtroom with professionalism and authority."

  "Oliver was really top-notch; he has a natural feel for the job and is a wonderfully articulate advocate with a charming and perfectly pitched turn of phrase." - **Chambers & Partners, Crime 2027**

- *"Oliver has a natural charismatic charm. A fantastic trial advocate who makes the jury listen to him intently. He is always on top of the case, has read all the material, and knows all the finite details about the case. Clients are always in very safe hands. His written work and legal submissions are always of high quality, well-argued, and excellently presented. I am surprised he is not already King's Counsel!"* **Legal 500, 2027 - Crime**

Present and recent instructions:

Criminal

- **R v Keane & others -** leading Libby Anderson in respect of allegations of conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to blackmail and conspiracy to falsely imprison. Keane alleged to have orchestrated the kidnap, from within prison, of the partner of an associate said to have appropriated thousands of pounds of his money.
- **R v Qureshi** - prosecution including allegations of kidnap, false imprisonment, attempted assault by penetration and S18 assault. The circumstances alleged involved a young woman being kidnapped and driven to Epping Forest at night, before being seriously assaulted.

- *"Oliver is a fantastic coronial advocate who has nailed perhaps the greatest strength in this area, which is knowing when to keep quiet. He has a real expertise in representing those who have been cut loose from other, larger organisations, and questions witnesses with devastating efficacy."* **Legal 500, 2027 - Inquests and inquiries**
- *"Oliver is a hugely impressive junior. He is classy, polished and persuasive in Court, and clients adore him."* **Legal 500 2026, Leading Juniors**
- *"He is an excellent advocate, with passion and flair."*

  "He has a complete understanding of the law, the case and the needs of the client."

  "Oliver has an absolutely charming courtroom manner and presents the case well."

  "He is a great junior and jury advocate. His style is loved by juries."

  "Oliver Renton is a very charismatic and friendly but is very strong in both court and dealing with clients and his expert witness." **Chambers & Partners, Crime 2026**
- *'Oli is absolutely on top of his brief. He reads every page, knows the unused, and as a result is a go-to barrister for cases involving serious violence. He defends fearlessly and always takes good points. His jury manner is charming.'* **Legal 500 - Crime, Leading Juniors 2025, Tier 2**
- *"Oliver provides a fantastic service and is quality on his feet. He is excellent."* **Crime - Leading Juniors (Chambers & Partners 2025)**
- *'Oli is confident when speaking, and can explain complex information to lay clients.'* **Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law – Leading Juniors (Legal 500 -2025)**
- *"His ability to handle and assimilate vast amounts of detailed material is truly exceptional. He's a quality junior and someone with great potential for the future."*

  "There is a lot of intricacy in the work that he does. He navigates his cases in a detailed and forensic manner."

  "He is really smooth with the jury and his legal submissions are always well-founded and well-argued." **Crime - Leading Juniors (Chambers and Partners 2024)**

- **R v Chitty** - representing paramedic accused of causing death by dangerous driving. The issues in the case revolved around questions of non-insane automatism, hypoglycaemia and obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome.

Regulatory:

- **BTP v Wood & others** - a number of police officers facing allegations of gross misconduct further to their participation in a WhatsApp group known as 'Team 3 Secret Service', containing messages that the Appropriate Authority alleged were crude and contemptuous of others, ridiculed distress or injury suffered by members of the public, stereotyped or ridiculed protected characteristics or groups, made fun of violence against women or girls and supported or made fun of putative crime or misconduct by police.
- **PO v DBS** - Appeal to the Upper Tribunal of decision to place care worker on barred lists of children and vulnerable adults in the aftermath of allegations made of misconduct and poor care relating to vulnerable adults within a residential care home.

Inquest:

- **Inquest touching upon the death of Singh -** Inquest following a death by ligature in prison of a vulnerable and mentally ill father of two.
- **Inquest touching upon the death of Melhuish** - Inquest following a death by ligature in prison of a vulnerable and mentally ill and neurodiverse woman.
- **Inquest touching upon the death of Wheale** - Inquest following the death in prison of a man who had conveyed drugs into prison within his body.

Qualifications

- BA(Hons), First Class, University of Leeds
- MA (Distinction), University of Leeds
- GDL (Merit), BPP
- BVC (Very Competent), BPP
- University Bursary for Masters Degree
- Hardwicke Scholarship (Lincoln’s Inn)

- *'Oliver is a charming and deadly jury advocate. He is prepared, polite and smooth in his approach. He knows his cases inside out, treats all court users with respect and cross-examines with style and purpose.'* **Legal 500 - Crime, Leading Juniors 2024, Tier 2**
- *'A passionate advocate, who is excellent at communicating with clients.'* **Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law – Leading Juniors (Legal 500 -2024)**
- *'His legal acument mixed with his charm means he's a dangerous opponent for anyone'* - **Crime - Leading Juniors (Chambers and Partners 2023)**
- **Legal 500 - Professional Disciplinary and Regulatory Law, Leading Juniors 2023**
- **Legal 500 - Crime, Leading Juniors 2023, Tier 2**
- *'His manner with the jury is smooth and smart, making him a formidable opponent.'* **Crime - Leading Juniors (Chambers and Partners 2022)**
- *'Oliver is very approachable, with a disarming charm which makes him popular with juries. He has great legal acumen.'* **Crime - Leading Juniors (Legal 500 - 2022)**
- **Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law – Leading Juniors (Legal 500 -2022)**
- *'A rare breed of barrister. He brings passion, drama, intrigue and wit to the courtroom. His flair and ability to engage with his audience whether that be with professional or lay clients has meant that he has progressed on to heavyweight serious criminal cases before his contemporaries of the same year of call. He is a class act and someone who can turn his hand to any type of criminal case.'* – **Crime – Leading Juniors (Legal 500 – 2021)**
- *'He is a dedicated and highly engaging barrister with a proven track record of sound outcomes. He is straightforward, easy for clients to connect with and very supportive to instructing solicitors.'* – **Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law – Leading Juniors (Legal 500 - 2021)**

- Haldane Award (Lincoln's Inn)
- Pupil Supervisor

Practice Profile:

Oliver is regularly instructed as leading counsel or alone to defend grave and complex matters, often involving homicide, organised crime and high-end

drug supply. He is known for combining a cool head and approachable manner with robust examination, passionate submissions and memorable speeches. He is relied on by professional clients to provide a friendly, compassionate voice for difficult or vulnerable defendants.

Oliver is regularly instructed to defend high value financial and white collar allegations. He has forthcoming instructions in matters brought by the FCA and by Trading Standards and has previously acted in cases brought by the SFO, The Pensions Regulator and in respect of pre-charge investigations for a major high street bank.

Oliver has recently been instructed in a number of cases involving use of encrypted phones (ENCRO) and has built up a specialised knowledge of issues surrounding this.

Oliver receives instructions in accelerated misconduct hearings and substantive hearings, acting for police officers.

He has a solid track record of successful outcomes when appearing before regulatory tribunals considering fitness to practice, particularly in respect of clinical professionals, as well as when acting before inquests flowing from deaths within the care of the state. He has amassed considerable experience in these jurisdictions and has provided lectures and training for different regulators in a number of diverse areas, from strategic approaches to advocacy, to tackling specific areas of law.

Serious crime:

He specialises in defending matters of serious violence and as such has been instructed in double assassination style murder case, together with numerous allegations of shooting, stabbing, torture and attempted murder.

He has extensive experience in defending complex criminal conspiracies – having been involved, often for the first defendant, in numerous complex and weighty conspiracies, often involving allegations of gang activity.

Notable serious crime cases:

Homicide

R v. Ezeoke
A case tried on an unprecedented five occasions before a jury was able to agree verdicts. The case concerned a double, assassination style murder carried out in the early hours of the morning in a family home in East Finchley. Led by Henry Grunwald QC at for the first trial, which collapsed, then by James Scobie QC at each of the subsequent four trials. The first trial collapsed at the close of the prosecution case due to judicial ill-health, the second and third trials resulted in hung juries. The jury were sent into retirement in the fourth trial, deliberating for 3 ½ days before collapsing further to the COVID-19 lockdown.

R v Vasile & others
Led by Kieran Vaughan QC in 5 handed murder trial following the beating to death with pickaxe handles of a man described in The Sun as a 'Crime Lord'.

R v Brazant
Acted alone at trial for attempted murder, flowing from an unprovoked attack upon a young mother pushing her 2 year old child home in a buggy in the hours of darkness. The defendant, a paranoid schizophrenic, handed himself in to a police station in the days following the attack, admitting to having stabbed a woman and handing in three kitchen knives.

R v Pearson
A case flowing from the stabbing to death of a drug dealer, said to have 'cuckooed' the flat of one of the defendants. It was alleged that she enlisted a boyfriend and accomplices, further to failing to persuade the deceased to leave her flat. The case was followed in the BBC documentary series 'Murder 24/7' (https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000frh9/murder-247)

R v Hajila & Others
Allegations of double attempted murder, in which one victim was stabbed 33 times within his home and repeatedly struck with cognac bottles, whilst another was stabbed 8 times and bottled.

R v Cassar
Death by careless driving case flowing from an articulated lorry colliding with a cyclist on a dual carriageway in the hours of darkness.

R v Atkins
Death by careless driving case in which an operative was crushed behind a refuse lorry.

R v Udris
Death by dangerous driving case in which a bus collided with a pedestrian after failing to stop at red traffic signals.

Criminal Conspiracies

R v. Laidlaw
First on the indictment in 8 handed conspiracy to burgle case, with further substantive counts of aggravated burglary, cash-in-transit robbery and violent robberies.

R v. Johnstone & Others
8 handed conspiracy to burgle, involving around 30 burglaries and thefts of high value motor vehicles. There were allegations of serious violence been used towards home-owners during the course of the burglaries, including an assault with crowbars. The total amounts stolen were alleged to have totalled in excess of a million pounds.

R v. Ogu
Conspiracy to supply firearm – a case turning on the combination of surveillance evidence and technical evidence around telephone communications, download material, cell site analysis and ANPR

Serious Violence

R v. Adesoji
Conspiracy to commit GBH with intent. Originally indicted as attempted murder. A series of allegedly connected stabbings, culminating with a car being driven at young men running down a back street in Brixton, before knocking an unrelated man from his bicycle. At this point, the front seat passenger decamped and stabbed the man knocked from his bicycle, severing his femoral artery.

R v. King
Violent disorder in which the defendant had been initially arrested for attempted murder. The charges stemmed from a particularly violent group attack in which various parties were attacked with a variety of weapons, said to include machetes, golf clubs and a scythe. Two complainants received blows to the head from machetes of sufficient force to leave skull fractures.

R v. Ogu
Originally charged with attempted murder. Downgraded on indictment to S18 wounding, possession of firearms with intent to cause fear of violence and possession for class A drugs with intent to supply. Successfully severed drugs count from S18 and firearms counts, before leading the Crown to offer no evidence on the PWITS indictment and securing acquittals after trial on the S18 and firearms charges.

Kidnapping

R v. Santiago
Defended allegation of assault by penetration, kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment and threats to kill. Allegation that the defendant kidnapped a former partner and her young daughter before imprisoning her for a number of hours, tying her up, threatening torture and perpetrating serious sexual assaults. The Defendant was a man with an extensive and violent antecedent history and freely admitted having serious mental health issues. Acquitted of all counts.

R v. Millard & Others
Allegations of the kidnapping of a young man at knife-point from a caravan. He was then allegedly made to sit in a car, in which he was repeatedly beaten and stabbed by 5 others, before being thrown into the road in the middle of a country lane and there further beaten, culminating in the breaking of his leg with an iron bar. Most of the accused were children at the time of the alleged offence.

R v Navesey
Acted for a man accused of the kidnap of his former partner, together with allegations of seriously assaulting her and of subjecting her to coercive control over a period of months. At the time of the kidnap, the Defendant was in a state of considerable emotional turmoil, later telling the police that he had intended to kill himself after having achieved closure with the complainant.

R v. Challis
S18 wounding and kidnapping allegation, together with a co- Defendant accused of conducting a course witness intimidation. The complainant was allegedly beaten, soaked in a shower, forced into a car and driven off against his will.

R v. Selivanovs
Allegation of unlawful imprisonment and infliction of grievous bodily harm. The complainant and three co-accused, each alcoholic and street homeless, were alleged to have imprisoned the complainant, similarly alcoholic and

homeless, in a squat, and there seriously assaulted him over an extended period.

Drugs

R v. Brown
Allegation of 'rip-in' importation of around 10kg of cannabis. Acquitted in spite of the admission of two previous similar convictions.

R v. Neo
Allegation of 'rip-in' importation of around 3kg of cocaine. Acquitted.

R v. Walters
Successfully defended an allegation stemming from the importation of around 1kg of cocaine, delivered by way of package sent to a Parcelforce depot. The Defendant had, upon arrest, repeatedly shouted 'no comment' to his co-Defendant. His co-Defendant, who had fought with arresting officers and apparently tried to wipe her mobile phone memory, had further refused to give the PIN code to her phone. Both were acquitted.

Robbery

R v. Velyn
Gunpoint robbery of a financial delivery. Negotiated a deal to turn Queen's Evidence. Defendant received a 27 month sentence of imprisonment, whilst co-Defendant was sentenced to 12 years.

R v. Nacius
Gunpoint robbery of a bar. The case was of particular interest in that the bar in question had been the subject of some four armed robberies, tragically culminating in the murder of one of the members of staff.

R v Criscuolo & Others
An allegation that 3 men, armed with knives, burst into the address demanding to be given the drugs and money and identifying one of those present as a known drug dealer. All of the complainants denied any involvement in drug dealing. It was alleged that a door was kicked off its hinges, with a hole being made in the door, that the property was ransacked with food and property being scattered about the floor. The three were captured on CCTV shortly after the incident using credit cards belonging to the complainants in a convenience store. All three defendants were acquitted.

R v. Tucker
Aggravated burglary. Allegation of the knife-point burglary of a hotel room in which both complainants were assaulted and injured with the knife.

Financial crime:

He is experienced in white collar fraud, having undergone a secondment with the Serious Fraud Office and having undertaken a complex privilege review for a city firm on behalf of a major bank.

Notable financial crime cases:

R v. Jones
Successfully defended a prosecution by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills for alleged failures to notify a creditor of a decision to strike a company off.

R v. Webb
4 week trial prosecuted by BIS for failure to comply with a number of requirements placed on directors in insolvency.

R. v Ailey
Assisted Henry Grunwald QC OBE throughout two and a half month, four-handed international boiler room fraud trial.

Professional discipline and regulatory law:

Since having undergone a secondment at the NMC in 2010 and having subsequently lectured different regulators on a number of diverse of law and strategy, he has developed a thriving professional discipline practice including defending clinical professionals before fitness to practice hearings or at inquests.

Notable professional discipline and regulatory law cases:

Shoker
Regulatory charges against a hospital's Director of Nursing in the aftermath of the death by overdose of a consultant anesthetist within the hospital. Although wide ranging, the gravamen of the charges turned on the Registrant's alleged failure to ensure that controlled drug processes within the hospital were safe. The case involved a large volume of disclosure and necessitated the assimilation of large amounts of material pertaining to hospital processes, chains of responsibility and corporate structures. Finding of no impairment.

Mann
Dentist facing regulatory proceedings following a conviction for causing death by careless driving.

Funk
Dentist alleged to have made off with payments from a patient, having extracted a number of teeth and having failed to undertake the reconstructive implant surgery promised, together with having allegedly taken payments to a personal card machine when they should have been made to the surgery employing him.

Ramsammy-Westmaas
5 week case involving wide ranging allegations including allegation of dishonesty against clinical lead and deputy head teacher at a school for children with profound physical and mental impairments.

Gent

Case running for several weeks, involving a care home manager and former CQC inspector facing wide ranging allegations of neglect, elder abuse and poor treatment of relatives. Case marked by the challenging nature of the complainant family, who had brought similar complaints about the registrant to around twenty separate organisations.

K (a nurse)

Health case involving background of alcohol misuse and severe depression, including episodes of overdose. The Registrant had taken considerable amounts of sickness absence, against a background of both domestic abuse and bullying in the workplace. Not found impaired.

R. Mather

Allegations of dishonesty around the lack treatment of a pressure ulcer on the stump of an amputee. Various further allegations relating to the poor episode of care, shortly after qualification. Dishonesty found not proved, no impairment found.

Pamposa

The Registrant had repeatedly failed to declare having a recent diagnosis of tuberculosis together with current undiagnosed lung infection upon applying for work as a nurse within a prison. The registrant had admitted not having disclosed this due to a fear that, in doing so he would not have been offered the job. Avoided findings of dishonesty and of impairment.

Sohal

Appeal against refusal to readmit accountant further to disqualification as a director. The ICAEW ultimately conceded that the panel at first instance had made material errors of fact in such a way as distorted the proceedings against the appellant and deprived him of the opportunity properly to present his case or to evidence the process of remediation that he had undergone or his level of insight.

Knowles

A nurse having been referred to the NMC following the tragic death of a young lady from sepsis. The registrant had seen the deceased in an outpatients clinic, had failed to recognise the symptoms of sepsis and had directed her to a GP's surgery rather than as an urgent referral to A&E. It became clear in the substantive hearing that there had been institutional failings across multiple NHS service providers and that the registrant's failings did not amount to misconduct.

Zyla

A social worker facing misconduct proceedings before the HCPC in connection with an allegation of an improper relationship with a service user. It became clear during the course of proceedings that the registrant had in fact been the victim of serious psychological, physical and financial abuse at the hands of the service user, who, as well as having been in a position of some vulnerability, was also deeply entrenched within serious criminality.