

# Charles Archer

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Charles Archer practises across chambers criminal and civil teams.

In crime, he prosecutes and defends with experience as sole trial counsel in cases of fraud, drugs conspiracies, robbery, money laundering and serious violence. Charles is a CPS Level 2 prosecutor and has dealt with PII issues and confiscation proceedings.

In his civil practice, Charles has been instructed at trial up to the fast-track, to draft pleadings for multi-track proceedings and to advise on contractual agreements valued in excess of £1,500,000.

Before joining the Bar, Charles was appointed by the Secretary of State as a member of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP & YOI Parc. Charles also gained experience in the Employment Tribunal as a volunteer for the Free Representation Unit and as a County Court Advocate.

Charles holds an LLB and LLM from the University of Bristol. At university he was Team Leader in the Human Rights Law Clinic and prepared legal research and analysis for the United Nations' Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. He was awarded scholarships by the Inner Temple and Cardiff University to study the Bar Course and obtained an Outstanding and the highest mark of his cohort.

## Expertise

### Crime

Charles has developed a busy practice prosecuting and defending in cases of fraud, drugs conspiracies, robbery, money laundering and serious violence. He has experience acting for vulnerable clients and has appeared on behalf of children in both the Crown Court and the Youth Court. Charles has been complimented by circuit judges in the Crown Court for "advocacy of the highest standard" and for conducting a case "impeccably".

### Business, Property & Chancery

Charles has acted in a variety of contractual disputes. This has included consumer rights claims, breaches of contract and sale of goods and

supply of services claims. Charles has also advised on the drafting of contractual agreements valued in excess of £1,500,000 and has experience of dealing with procurement and state aid issues.

Charles undertakes instructions in property and chancery matters. His experience includes acting for both landlords (including social landlords) and tenants in trespass, possession proceedings, disrepair claims and anti-social behaviour injunctions.

## Personal Injury

Charles has acted in fast track trials in personal injury cases on behalf of claimants and defendants. Charles' cases have included those arising from road traffic accidents, Employers' Liability and Public Liability and product liability claims. He has also developed a paper practice in personal injury work and has attended a range of interim hearings including applications for summary judgement and pre-action disclosure. Charles is happy to accept instructions on a CFA basis in appropriate cases.

## Regulatory

Charles' regulatory experience has included Consumer and Trading Standards prosecutions, licensing disputes and counterfeiting cases. Charles' experience of civil litigation dovetails his regulatory work. For example, he has experience of planning enforcement cases and civil fraud.

## Appointments

- CPS Level 2 Prosecutor
- Bar Standards Board Paper Scrutiniser
- Pupil Representative of the Inner Temple's Education & Training Committee (2023-2024)
- Member of the Independent Monitoring Board of HMP & YOI Parc (2021-2023)
- Witness Service Volunteer based in the Crown Court at Bristol (2020-2022)

## Awards

- Awarded a scholarship by the Inner Temple to attend the Geoffrey Nice Foundation's Master Class titled 'Genocide: Citizen, state, victims and accountability'. It was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia (2024)
- Achieved the highest overall mark of his year on the Bar Training Course at Cardiff University and achieved the highest mark of his year in the Criminal Litigation, Civil Litigation, Trial Advocacy, Submission Advocacy and Conferencing modules (2022)
- As a team, won the Cardiff University Bar Training Course Mock Trial Competition (2022)
- Awarded a Bar Course Exhibition Scholarship and Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarship by the Inner Temple (2021)
- Awarded a Master's Excellence Scholarship by Cardiff University to study the Bar Training Course (LLM) (2021)
- Semi-finalist in the KK Luthra Memorial Moot Court Competition, an international criminal law moot held in New Delhi, India (2019)
- Winner of the Herbert Smith Freehills, University of Bristol Mooting Competition (2018) (Judged by The Honourable Mrs Justice

Cheema-Grubb) (2018)

- Awarded the Denise Coates Award by the University of Bristol Law School (2017)
- Awarded a top academic scholarship by the Cathedral School Llandaff (2015)

## Education

- Bar Professional Training Course, Cardiff University (2022)
- LLM, University of Bristol (2021)
- LLB, University of Bristol (2020)

## Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

## Publications

- 'Criminal evidence obtained through torture', E.H.R.L.R. 2022, 2, 223-225
- 'Interference with art.10 by measures to restrict the distribution of condoms', E.H.R.L.R. 2022, 2, 173-175
- 'Admission and subsequent reliance upon untested witness evidence', E.H.R.L.R. 2021, 5, 558-560
- 'Mandatory disclosure of criminal convictions and the right to privacy', E.H.R.L.R. 2021, 4, 439-441
- 'Russo-Georgian war', E.H.R.L.R. 2021, 3, 317-321

## Privacy Policy

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