

# Christian Jowett

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Christian Jowett specialises in regulatory crime, fraud, confiscation and civil recovery, together with a distinct public law practice with a focus on immigration and environmental matters.

His criminal practice centres on regulatory offences, particularly in the agricultural sector. He has experience in cases involving animal welfare, fire safety, food safety, environmental health, and planning enforcement.

He advises and appears in Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 matters, with a particular interest in the interaction of confiscation and civil recovery with regulatory law.

Christian's public law work covers immigration, asylum, and human rights law, primarily through judicial review in the High Court and Upper Tribunal. He also undertakes criminal judicial review.

He is regularly ranked in Tier 1 and Band 1 in The Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners.

He has co-convened the UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)'s [Wales Devolved Administration Group](#) and retires in 2025 after many years from its [National Council and Executive Committee](#).

## Expertise

### Crime

Christian's criminal practice focuses primarily on regulatory crime and fraud. He also has a particular interest in both criminal and civil confiscation asset recovery.

### Immigration & Asylum

Christian's Immigration & Asylum practice focuses on judicial review and statutory appeals.

## Mediation

Christian is a CMC Registered Mediator, and also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

## Planning & Environment

Christian's Planning and Environmental practice focuses on criminal and civil enforcement.

## Public & Administrative Law

Christian routinely deals with judicial review, generally arising from his other areas of practice.

## Regulatory

Christian's regulatory practice focuses on all aspects of regulatory crime, covering animal welfare, environmental and planning, environmental health, food safety, trading standards, etc. He also deals with confiscation and civil recovery.

## Appointments

### ***Judicial Appointments***

- *Recorder, Authorisations: Crime (including Serious Sexual Offences); Family (2019)*
- *Deputy District Judge (Civil): Authorisations: Civil; Financial Remedies; Family (2010)*

### ***Panel Appointments***

- *Attorney General's Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown (2007 to date), Region: Wales, Panel: A (allocated on 2018 Panel restructuring; re-appointed 2021-2027)*
- *Specialist Panel of Regulatory Advocates (2012 to date), Health & Safety and Environmental Law – List A (appointed 2019; re-appointed 2024)*
- *CPS Level 4 Prosecutor (appointed 2009)*
  - *Level 4 Proceeds of Crime Panel (2020)*
  - *Level 4 Fraud Panel (2018)*
  - *CPS General List (appointed 2002)*

## Awards

- Joseph Hume Scholarship in Law, University College London (1999-2000)
- Holt Award, Gray's Inn (1998-1999)
- Simmons & Simmons Property II Law Prize, University College London (1996-1997)
- Andrews Prize for Laws, University College London (1995-1996)

## Education

- LLM, University College London (2000)
- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law (1999)
- LLB (Hons), University College London (1998)

## Memberships

- UK Environmental Law Association: Two terms as Trustee and Executive Committee, and Co-convenor of Wales Devolved Administration Group
- Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association
- Criminal Bar Association
- Agricultural Law Association
- Revenue Bar Association
- Immigration Law Practitioners' Association
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Civil Mediation Council Registered Mediator (Civil & Commercial)

## Publications

- Christian curates various pages on environmental law enforcement at Lexis+ Corporate Crime
- Criminal Confiscation, Trusts of Land and Financial Remedies, [2022] 1 Financial Remedies Journal 56
- Equitable accounting and bankruptcy, [2017] Fam. Law. 652

- The illegality defence, trusts of land and the family lawyer: *Patel v Mirza*, [2016] Fam. Law. 1208
- Confiscation Orders and Waste Depositing Offences, e-law: the Journal of the UK Environmental Law Association, Vol. 90 Sep/Oct-15
- The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 in Financial Remedy Proceedings, Family Law Week (2011), co-authored with Rhys Taylor

## Notable and reported cases

- Operations Bantam and Seine (ongoing) – Inner London Crown Court and Oxford Crown Court. Defence in multi-handed conspiracies concerning food safety and animal by-products.
- *R (Pembrokeshire County Council) v S&S* (2023-2025) – Swansea Crown Court. Prosecution of cruelty and neglect offences under the Animal Welfare Act 2006, with related civil applications for orders under s20 Animal Welfare Act 2006; complicated by abuse of process issues arising from the availability and sourcing of public funding for an appropriate defence expert.
- *Re: The UK and Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership* (2024) – Instructed by the Government Legal Department in relation to the then UK Government’s scheme for the processing of asylum claims in Rwanda.
- Operation Grace (2024) (Merthyr Tydfil Magistrates’ Court and High Court (KBD) (Admin)- Applications for cash and account forfeiture orders in excess of £2.5 million under Part 5 Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; following the grant of orders, the respondent’s application for permission for judicial review was refused.
- Operations Alyssum, Handicap and Flax (2024) – Northampton Magistrates’ and Crown Courts. Prosecution of multi-handed large-scale offending concerning houses in multiple occupation.
- *R (CPS) v Northampton Magistrates Court* [2024] EWHC 2860 (Admin) – The correct approach to recovery of inter partes costs in criminal judicial review.
- *R (CPS) v Northampton Magistrates Court* [2024] EWHC 2324 (Admin) – Judicial review of an inter partes costs order made by the defendant court, arising from a discontinued prosecution under s3 Protection of Badgers Act 1992. Issues included the need for expert evidence to identify a ‘badger sett’ for the purposes of s14 Protection of Badgers Act 1992 and the correct approach to inter partes costs orders under the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985.
- *NRW v P&P* (2023) – Swansea Crown Court. Defence in complex confiscation proceedings arising from unlicensed water impoundment and abstraction for a hydroelectricity project, with particular focus on the effect of Article 1, Protocol 1 to the ECHR.
- *R (HSE) v Tata Steel & Another* (2023) – Swansea Crown Court): Prosecution concerning workplace health and safety and an industrial accident.
- *R (NRW) v C & Others* (2021) – Swansea Crown Court): Defence in confiscation proceedings arising from large-scale unlawful waste depositing.
- *R v Morgan* [2013] EWCA Crim. 1307, [2013] Lloyd’s Rep FC 655, [2014] Env.L.R. 5 – An appeal against a confiscation order arising from an environmental prosecution; intersection between criminal confiscation, environmental regulation, landfill tax and the effect of Article 1, Protocol 1 to the ECHR.

## Privacy Policy

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