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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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### Allegation of Historical Sexual Abuse

3 April 2025

Bartholomew O'Toole represented a man aged 55 of previous good character accused of 9 counts multiple rape and other serious sexual offences by his niece when she was 8-12 and he was 32-36. Following a 2-week trial at Woolwich Crown Court, the defendant was found not guilty by unanimous verdicts after the jury had been in retirement for some 8 hours.

Bartholomew was instructed by Hardeep Dhaliwal of Duncan Lewis Solicitors.

### **Historical Sex Offences Acquittal**

7 October 2024

Following a 7-day trial at Wood Green Crown Court, a man aged 40 of previous good character was acquitted on all counts of historical sexual offences on a child aged 4.

Bartholomew O'Toole was instructed to advise and represent the lay client, instructed by MK Law Solicitors.

### **Conspiracy to Defraud Acquittal**

26 June 2024

Following a 6-week trial at Southwark Crown Court, a professional woman was acquitted of conspiracy to defraud. Her husband, who pleaded guilty on the same indictment, was called to give evidence.

Bartholomew O'Toole was instructed to act for the lay client, instructed by Duncan Lewis & Co.

### **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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