

## Clare Evans

Year of Call 1995

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### **Qualifications:**

BA (Hons) English and Classical Studies London 1990  
College of Law London, 1994

### **Principle Areas of Practice**

Criminal commercial/ financial fraud  
Serious crime including drugs and violence

### **Notable Cases**

#### R v Kapia & Others

Sole counsel for the defence in a £500,000 conspiracy to defraud major financial institutions. The defendant was the ringleader in a complex and carefully planned conspiracy. The trial lasted 4 weeks.

#### R v Bracher & Others

Junior counsel for the defence in a case prosecuted by Customs & Excise. The case concerned over £200 million of diverted duty and VAT. This was one of a number of 'diversion' frauds prosecuted by Customs and Excise arising from London City Bond. The trial was listed to last 10 months and it was anticipated that the abuse of process hearing would have lasted around 1 month. Shortly before the trial commenced, Customs and Excise offered no evidence and not guilty verdicts were recorded. Preparation for this case involved detailed consideration of over 17,000 pages of disclosed statements and exhibits. Detailed analysis and reconstruction of the paper trail was necessary to demonstrate omissions on the part of Customs & Excise and the bonded warehouses involved.

#### R v Chatfield & Others

Junior counsel for the defence in a case being prosecuted by Customs & Excise and the Inland Revenue. The case concerns over £2 million of unpaid VAT and Revenue. The trial is listed to last 2-3 months.

#### R v Ransom

Junior counsel for the defence in a murder.