

NICOLAS GERASIMIDIS

CALL: 1988

"His judgement is sound and he's very knowledgeable." "He is superb and always on top of his cases."

Chambers UK 2021

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Nicolas is a busy Leading junior specialising in complex and serious high profile criminal and regulatory cases. Described variously, in both Chambers UK and the Legal 500, as "one of the best barristers available", "a polished advocate with excellent client skills".

PRACTICE AREAS

- Crime
 - Environment
 - Financial Services & Fraud
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CRIME

Nicolas Gerasimidis has enormous experience. Described in Legal 500 as "an excellent lawyer - highly articulate and with gravitas", he thrives conducting serious cases involving specialised and complex legal and factual issues. Often appearing in high profile cases, he has excellent client care skills demanded in the most difficult cases.

RECENT CASES

- **R v Willis-Pope** - Successfully defended RAF commander charged with sexual assault of teenage boy
 - **R v Wright** - £3m charity fraud.
 - **R v Girvin & Another** - time share fraud.
 - **R v Webster** - multi-handed murder by stabbing allegation.
 - **R v Zakaria & Others** - rape and large scale exploitation / sexual trafficking allegations.
 - **R v Benton** - historic familial rape allegations.
 - **Operation Crane-fly** - class A multi-handed drugs conspiracy.
 - **R v Bodgin & Others** - dishonest / corrupt award of council contracts allegations.
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ENVIRONMENT

Nicolas is increasingly instructed in regulatory cases involving both criminal/civil nuisance. He has been developing a niche area in cases involving commercial nuisance, particularly industrial/noise nuisance. He has recently advised an international company in connection with industrial vibrations nuisance and is currently retained by a high profile music venue as advisory counsel. He regularly conducts seminars in this area of Law.

Nicolas has also advised farming organisations in matters relating to contamination and waste regulations (botulism outbreak in Devon).

FINANCIAL SERVICES & FRAUD

Nicolas receives regular instructions to defend in a diverse range of complex commercial fraud cases from Shipping to Trading Standards and charity fraud. He has defended cases involving breaches of financial service regulations and is currently involved in defending a substantial Time Share and unfair commercial practices fraud. He advises in cases where there are issues relating to Directors disqualification, confiscation and costs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

CHAMBERS UK 2022

Crime

Band 2

LEGAL 500 2022

Crime

Ranked: Tier 3

CHAMBERS UK 2021

Crime

Highly praised for his attention to detail and jury advocacy. He specialises in complex crime and is regularly instructed in high-profile, serious cases of abuse, child injury and drug offences. He also takes on sophisticated regulatory cases.

Strengths: "His judgement is sound and he's very knowledgeable." "He is superb and always on top of his cases." "A very charming advocate."

Recent work: Acted for the defence in R v Prout, a case involving a double allegation of rape involving two separate complainants against a vulnerable individual with special needs.

LEGAL 500 2021

Crime (General and Fraud)

'A superb advocate who is very good with a jury and able to deal the judiciary very well.'

CHAMBERS UK 2020

Crime

Highly praised for his attention to detail and jury advocacy. He specialises in complex crime and is regularly instructed in high-profile, serious cases of abuse, child injury and drug offences. He also takes on sophisticated regulatory cases.

Strengths:"He is great - I am definitely happy to have him across from me."

LEGAL 500 2020

Crime

"A superb trial lawyer who builds rapport with clients."

CHAMBERS UK 2018

Crime

Junior - Band 2

Is highly praised for his attention to detail and jury advocacy. He specialises in complex crime and is regularly instructed in high-profile, serious cases of abuse, child injury and drug offences. He also takes on sophisticated regulatory cases.

Strengths: "He is a good choice for complicated cases."

Recent work: Represented one of the lead defendants in a case concerning a huge conspiracy to defraud government agencies involving fraudulent DVLA certificates.

LEGAL 500 2016

Crime

Leading juniors

'A barrister with style and gravitas.'

CHAMBERS UK 2017

Crime

Junior - Band 2

Described as "extremely thorough and intellectually astute", Nicolas Gerasimidis is highly praised for his attention to detail and jury advocacy. He specialises in complex crime and is regularly instructed in high-profile, serious cases of abuse, child injury and drug offences.

Strengths: "Nicolas always seems to be head and shoulders above his opponents at trial. He has impeccable judgement when it comes to presenting his case and cross-examination, and handles the most difficult of cases and questions in a way that is obviously appreciated by judge and jury."

Recent work: Defended the first of four individuals indicted for a multi-handed historic child sex abuse case.

LEGAL 500 2016

Crime

Leading juniors

'Impeccable judgement and presentation skills.'

CHAMBERS UK 2016

Crime

Junior - Band 2

An experienced criminal lawyer who is instructed in heavyweight criminal cases. He prosecutes and defends all manner of criminal offences, from sexual exploitation to human slavery cases.

Strengths: "He is a superb advocate. He's very aware of what's going on around him in court, he's quick thinking and presents his arguments consistently and effectively." "His strength is his courtroom presence; he's an astute and naturally talented advocate."

LEGAL 500 2015

Crime

Leading juniors

'His command of a courtroom is second to none!'

CHAMBERS UK 2015

Crime

Leading Junior (Band 2)

Prosecutes and defends in heavyweight criminal cases concerning murder, manslaughter and serious sexual offences. He is praised by commentators for his skilled handling of complex cases and for his ability to work with sensitive and vulnerable clients.

Recent work: Instructed in R v Zakaria, a highly complex case featuring ten defendants and allegations of exploitation, rape and trafficking of women and girls by a Somali gang.

LEGAL 500 2014

Crime

Leading juniors - 'Strong in cases involving complexity and sensitivity'

CHAMBERS UK 2014

Crime

Handles a range of very serious and complex criminal matters. His excellent courtroom manner makes him a favourite amongst clients.

Expertise: "Nick Gerasimidis is a polished advocate with excellent client care skills."

Recent work: He defended in a large class A drugs conspiracy case resulting from Operation Cranefly.

LEGAL 500 2013

Crime

Other recommended individuals include Nicolas Gerasimidis, who is noted for his court presence.

CHAMBERS UK 2013

Crime

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LEGAL 500 2012

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LEGAL 500 2011

Crime

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LEGAL 500 2010

Crime

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LEGAL 500 2009

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EDUCATION:

- Inns of Court School of Law
 - LLB Hons, Southampton University
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RECENT NEWS

- Practical Advocacy in the Crown Court has been published today!
 - We are very excited to announce publication of our book 'Practical Advocacy in the Crown Court' written by members of our Crime Team
 - Coronavirus Regulations Update - 6 July 2020
 - Guildhall Chambers is delighted to announce that Peter Binder will join our Crime Team on 1 September 2020
 - We are pleased to announce our Crime Team will have their book published by Bloomsbury Legal
 - Coronavirus Regulations – Update 23 June 2020
 - Coronavirus Regulations - Update 1 June 2020
 - Crime Team Newsletter - April 2020
 - Nicolas Gerasimidis success defends RAF commander
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