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Richard Butcher is recognised as a hard working leading junior praised for his good judgment and unflappable nature in court. He has been described as well mannered and approachable, with a great ability to assimilate information quickly and make the right decisions accordingly.

He has built up a large and varied practice across the whole spectrum of criminal work but in response to demand for his skills has for the last 10 years concentrated on defending those who fall foul of regulatory investigations. These have recently included:

- Money Laundering investigations
- VAT investigations (including MTIC and “carousel” cases)
- Inland Revenue Investigations
- Insider Dealing and Fraudulent Trading investigations.

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### SOME NOTABLE CASES

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**R v Clarke (2008):** Court of Appeal decision that established that a confiscation order should not be made where a conditional discharge had been imposed.

**R v Reeve & Ors (2008):** present (Operation Epoch). Defending large scale DFES fraud involving the ILEA scheme.

**R v Adamson & Ors (2008):** (Operation Sunbird). Defending in £20 million fraud on the RBS.

**R v Cox & Ors (Operation Divert) (2006-7):** Defending £80 million VAT carousel fraud.

**R v Uddin & Ors (Operation Venison)(2005):** This important case exposed systematic failures by HM Customs and Excise investigators and led to the staying of proceedings against all defendants and an investigation into Customs conduct by the IPCC. The case was a landmark decision in relation to abuse of process applications.

