

John Masters

Barrister



Practice summary

John concentrates on financial matters, which requires detailed analysis. This therefore makes him most suitable for all corporate, commercial and complex matters. He has developed a network of experts to call upon that allows him to go that extra mile, which has recently been capitalised in complex property matters in Family Law.

He acts for governments and agencies in major international asset recovery, and is on a number of international panels for anti-money laundering training.

Before joining chambers, John was an international prosecutor and reached the level of Special Crown Advocate in the United Kingdom. He has worked on major covert operations in the UK, Cayman Islands and joint international operations including with the FBI.

John has been retained for cross-border cases from complex asset recovery and prosecution to international child abduction cases.

He has UK accreditation for Direct Public Access. He has a current practising certificate as a Direct Access Barrister in the United Kingdom and is willing to accept briefs in the UK from Australian firms who need representation in England or Wales.

He also has a record of publishing and is regularly called upon to deliver both domestic and international seminars.

John is regularly recognised by Doyle's Guide as a leading ACT Criminal Law Barrister.

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Practice areas

Commercial, compliance and serious crime

Domestic and international anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing, asset tracing, mutual legal assistance

Fraud

Corporate compliance advising and training

Family law with emphasis on complicated property disputes

Inquests and inquiries

Admissions and qualifications

Master of philosophy, University of Cambridge	2005
Called to the bar - England & Wales (Grays Inn)	2003
Master of Laws, University of Canberra	2006
Called to the bar - Australia	1990
Admitted as a legal practitioner	1987
Bachelor of Laws, Australian National University	1987

Significant cases

- *Kazolis v Registrar of Firearms* [2018] ACTSC 89 (prerogative relief on unlawful cancellation of firearm)
- *Thompson v R* [2017] ACTCA 44.
- *Stubbs v R* [2017] ACTCA 58.
- *TTC v BHPL and Leda* [2017] ACTSC 88 (Commercial leasing)
- *Price v Ferris* (1994) 74 A Crim R 127 (Standing and duties of prosecutors)
- *R v Deeks* (1994) 34 NSWLR 531 (Proceeds of crime)
- *Erdal v Erdal* (1992) 107 FLR 184 (International abduction—forum non conveniens)

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