

# Michael Caplan QC

The lawyer hired by the McCanns.



More information here: → [Wikipedia](#)

Extract: "Caplan specialises in international criminal law and regulatory work. Taking silk in 2002, he is one of eight solicitors to have been **appointed as Queen's Counsel**. One of the first Solicitor Advocates in the United Kingdom in 2002, and the first solicitor from a criminal law background to be made a QC, Caplan was one of those who contended that solicitor advocates should be entitled to wear the same wig and gown in court as barristers. Caplan sits as a Recorder (judge) in the **Crown Court**, is a chairman of the **police disciplinary appeal tribunal**; and formerly was chairman of the **Solicitors Higher Courts Advocates Association**.....High-profile cases: Caplan's work has included acting for: →[Douglas Henderson](#) - acting for the Captain of the dredger Bowbelle in the River Thames Marchioness disaster enquiry. →[Augusto Pinochet](#) - defended the former President of Chile from extradition from the United Kingdom to Spain. [Kate](#) and [Gerry McCann](#) - is presently advising the couple after the disappearance of their daughter [Madeleine McCann](#)."

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His Profile at [Kingsley Napley](#)

**Extract:** "Michael Caplan QC is a well-known and highly respected solicitor practising in the areas of domestic and international, criminal and regulatory law. He is one of the few solicitors to have been appointed QC. He has been a partner at Kingsley Napley for over 30 years. Michael has been described as **one of the most formidable lawyers of his generation**. He has been featured as the **only criminal solicitor in the Times 100 most powerful lawyers in the UK**. He is a member of the Sentencing Council and the Criminal Procedure Rule Committee."

"Legal Directories"

- "He is a sharp and gifted practitioner... continues to stand out for his advocacy skills and tactical nous" (Chambers UK, A Clients Guide to the UK Legal Profession, 2014)
- "He is lauded by his clients for his 'calm' approach and his ability 'to come at cases from all angles and anticipate the right moves'..." (The International Who's Who of Business Crime, 2013)
- "He 'has the ability to decipher a difficult problem and break it down into bite-sized chunks'..." (Chambers UK, A Clients Guide to the UK Legal Profession, 2011)
- "He 'has a phenomenal reputation in extradition'..." (Chambers UK, A Clients Guide to the UK Legal Profession, 2011)

- *“Erudite, charming and astute”* (Chambers UK, A Clients Guide to the UK Legal Profession, 2010)

You may also see BBC News magazine →[Safe pair of hands for McCanns](#), 14 September 2007

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