



Vincent has been a member of Chambers since 2018. In addition to acting in serious and complex criminal cases, he works in associated areas of regulatory and public law, specialising in contempt of court, inquests and proceeds of crime.

Before coming to the bar, Vincent worked for three years in the Law Commission and at the Attorney General's Office. This gave him valuable experience in a number of specialist areas, including firearms law, and cases at the intersection of crime and public law.

Crime

Vincent is an experienced criminal barrister, regularly appearing in the most serious and complex cases for both the prosecution and defence.

As sole counsel, Vincent is often instructed in high profile cases such as the prosecution of a credit card fraud ring, large scale drugs trafficking operations, and high-profile protests. He has also acted as leading junior in a particularly complex protest case involving a conspiracy to cause a six-figure amount of criminal damage at a dairy processing plant. He acts for private clients in all kinds of cases, from regulatory and motoring matters to sexual allegations. He has extensive experience in defending Companies House prosecutions of directors under the Companies Act 2006.

Private Prosecution

Vincent regularly prosecutes for organisations other than the CPS, including local authorities and the Immigration Services Commissioner. He has also acted in private prosecutions by individuals, including the first known prosecution brought by a reservist against their employer for breach of the Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Act 1985. Vincent recently advised in a proposed fraud and regulatory prosecution against a bank.

Financial Crime

Vincent is a member of the CPS Fraud specialist panel at Level 3, and the SFO's prosecution panel at Level C.

Vincent has previously been instructed as junior counsel by the Financial Conduct Authority in a without-notice restraint order application under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, and has experience in other confiscation matters on behalf of both defendants and prosecuting agencies. He has appeared and advised in Criminal Justice Act 1988 confiscation cases in the High Court and in the County Courts as well as in more typical POCA 2002 matters in the Crown Court.

Vincent is also regularly instructed in fraud matters in the Crown Court, with recent cases ranging from credit card frauds committed by employees to the forgery of COVID-19 test certificates.

Regulatory

The Financial Conduct Authority currently instructs Vincent in the regulatory case against Barclays Bank concerning its capital raisings in 2008, which is being heard in the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber). Vincent advises individuals and companies on

financial regulatory issues with the FCA.

Vincent also deals with criminal regulatory cases, and has extensive experience of defending company directors for Companies Act 2006 breaches prosecuted by Companies House.

Proceeds of Crime

Vincent is a member of the CPS specialist proceeds of crime panel at Level 3 and the SFO proceeds of crime and international assistance panel at level C. He advises those organisations and defendants on legally challenging proceeds of crime cases, and has appeared in the High Court, County Court and Crown Court on POCA 2002 and CJA 1988 confiscation matters. He has acted in restraint order proceedings for the Financial Conduct Authority in a multi-million pound investment fraud, for the CPS to resist an application to discharge a restraint order brought in connection with insolvency proceedings, and for HMRC in property freezing and civil recovery proceedings.

Contempt of Court

In his previous work at the Attorney General's Office, Vincent advised the Law Officers on whether to bring committal proceedings in cases across all types of contempt, and worked with the police and other authorities to manage investigations into potential contempts.

Inquests and Inquiries

At the Attorney General's Office Vincent advised the Law Officers on the exercise of their powers to grant permission to apply for fresh inquests under section 12 of the Coroners Act 1988. From examining applications to assess whether previous inquests were flawed in that capacity, Vincent has developed a good working knowledge of inquest law, and now advises individuals on whether they can challenge decisions at inquests as well as representing interested parties at inquests.

Public Law

Vincent has wide experience of a range of public law matters from his time at the Attorney General's Office, particularly with issues relating to charities and the criminal justice system in the broadest sense. He is now on the Attorney General's panel of civil counsel and is regularly instructed by government agencies and individuals in public law matters, especially those which overlap with criminal law. Recent cases include a judicial review challenge to the regulator's decision to summarily cancel the registration of an immigration advisor, and a public law challenge to a civil restraint order under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

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