



Simon Ray

“He just gets it right every time.
He has great, sound judgement.”

(Chambers & Partners)

prominence and professional status gives rise to particular sensitivities. In 2016, he was nominated for Crime Junior of the year by Chambers & Partners' guide to the legal profession following a notable run of instructions, including as defence junior counsel to entertainer Rolf Harris and former New Zealand international cricketer, Chris Cairns. In 2016, 2017 and 2018, Simon was ranked as a Band 1 leading junior counsel in Chambers and Partners.

Simon's practice incorporates the full criminal spectrum and he is a specialist at advising on matters that have a serious fiscal element to them. He regularly receives instructions for both City clients and as standing A Panel counsel to the Serious Fraud Office.

Simon is praised for the clarity of his written and oral advocacy, and his ability to provide strong, strategic advice on complex legal issues.

Corporate Crime and Investigations

Simon is instructed by magic circle law firms to advise on corporate criminal liability. His work includes acting for a major international corporation to conduct a review of potential criminal conduct within its UK subsidiary, and the potential liability of a Swiss company under the Bribery Act. Simon has advised a City firm on the preparation of a manual for their international corporate clients and overseas lawyers on UK anti-money laundering requirements.

Fraud

Simon has developed a particular specialism in cases involving serious fraud and corruption. Notably, he is one of a small number of barristers with experience of negotiating on behalf of a defendant with the Serious Fraud Office and the Financial Conduct Authority under the Attorney General's Guidelines on Plea Discussions in Cases of Serious or Complex Fraud.

Criminal Litigation

Simon is instructed in, and has experience of, all types of serious criminal litigation including cases of murder, attempted murder, organised crime, rape and serious sexual offences. His experience includes addressing issues arising under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Computer Misuse Act 1990. He has experience of defending in allegations of sexual misconduct with an emphasis on sensitive and privately-funded cases.

Simon is a sought after and highly regarded criminal advocate with extensive expertise in serious and complex litigation. He has appeared in several of the most high profile cases in recent years, with a practice primarily focused on work for private clients whose

Restraint, Confiscation and Asset Forfeiture

Simon has considerable experience in confiscation, including proceedings arising from multi-million pound money laundering and drug trafficking cases. He has experience of cases involving asset tracing in multiple jurisdictions.

Appellate Work

Simon frequently appears in the appellate courts for both the Prosecution and the Defence. He is instructed regularly by the Appeals Unit of the Crown Prosecution Service. Simon provides specialist advice to the Association of Chief Police Officers and police forces on police powers and statutory interpretation including on questions of technical road traffic law.

Other Areas of Expertise

Simon is also experienced in extradition, mutual legal assistance and international criminal work, public and administrative law, inquests and public inquiries, disciplinary tribunals and regulatory crime.