



Since her appointment as Queen’s Counsel in 2015, Annabel has consistently been recognized as a Leading Silk in Crime by both the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners. Annabel’s outstanding legal expertise is recognised by her authorisation to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge of the King’s Bench Division (2022 onwards).

Annabel has acted in numerous high- profile cases, many of extreme complexity and has huge depth and range of experience of criminal litigation, with a particular emphasis on fraud, homicide, including conduct of numerous multi-handed murder trials and terrorism, including the most demanding and sensitive work at trial and appellate level.

Her advocacy has been singled out for particular praise and she has been described as ‘a phenomenal cross-examiner, ‘a very strong advocate’ and ‘an excellent and very reliable advocate’ (Chambers & Partners). The Legal 500 observes that ‘Her understated advocacy style is very effective with judges and jurors alike.’ Annabel has gained an enviable reputation as a ‘superb case strategist’ and is known for her skill and dedication in working tirelessly with large, multi-disciplinary teams to build a successful case for her clients.

Annabel advises companies in relation to the sanctions regime under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018, including the implementation of UK sanctions by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation.

Notable cases include: R v Barclays PLC and others (landmark SFO prosecution of Barclays Bank and senior executives); R v Janbaz Tarin (the Solihull double murder); R v Jeremy Bamber (appellate proceedings of the White House Farm multiple murderer); R v Kallakis and Williams (SFO prosecution of Britain’s largest ever mortgage fraud); R v Ziamani and Hockton (the attempted terrorist murder of HMP Whitemoor prison officer); R v Theodore Beckford (gangland shooting by notorious gang leader) and R v Ziamani (terrorist plot to behead a serving British soldier).

Annabel has a thriving appellate practice and is instructed in judicial review cases and complex confiscation proceedings. Annabel is also sought after for her advisory work and has advised corporations and senior individuals in respect of highly sensitive investigations, including News International, GSK and Hewlett Packard/Autonomy.

Annabel’s clients include the Serious Fraud Office, the Competition and Markets Authority, the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, (for whom she acted as Standing Counsel prior to her appointment to Silk), the Government Legal Department and major city law firms, who instruct her on behalf of both private individuals and international corporations.

Annabel was appointed a Recorder of the Crown Court in 2009 and is authorised to try serious sexual offences. She was appointed to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal in 2022 and is an accredited civil and commercial mediator.

Annabel’s areas of expertise include: homicide, terrorism, fraud, corporate advisory and investigations, serious sexual offences, confiscation and asset forfeiture, criminal litigation, public and administrative law and extradition.



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