



“Alexander is a step ahead of everybody. He’s just so good – so on it and so knowledgeable of the law.” (Chambers & Partners 2024)

Alex is a leading criminal practitioner who has prosecuted and defended in some of the most high-profile criminal cases of recent years.

Alex is described as calm, brilliant with clients and very thorough which is shown through his work in many different areas. Alex is a specialist in four principle areas which include Murder, Serious Organised Crime, Fraud and Rape and Sexual Abuse cases.

Prior to taking silk, Alex sat on the CPS panels at level 4 for Serious Crime, Fraud, Confiscation, Rape and Serious Sexual Abuse and Counter Terrorism. Alex also conducts an appellate practice, dealing recently with conviction appeals relating to historic convictions.

Fraud

Alex has significant experience of prosecuting and defending in serious and complex fraud cases. His practice includes cases in which he is engaged, pre-charge, to provide strategic advice on the implications of multi-handed litigation. Alex’s experience extends into often intricate confiscation proceedings, which reach into areas of international jurisdiction and corporate money laundering structures.

R v RA and PT (2024) - Alex, leading Ros Earls, prosecuted the Chief of Staff to the President of Madagascar for soliciting bribes from Gemfields Ltd, an international gem mining company based in London. In response to reports made by the CEO of Gemfields, to the National Crime Agency, an undercover officer was deployed to conduct and record a series of meetings with the defendants. During the meetings that followed, a series of bribery payments and a corrupt joint venture model was developed. The defendants were arrested by NCA officers at a meeting with the undercover officer during which contracts were signed. The case involved the analysis of complex contractual negotiations and the presentation of evidence concerning the development of the exploitative industries in Madagascar. Both defendants were convicted.

Murder and Serious Organised Crime

Alex has extensive experience of both prosecuting and defending in cases involving serious organised crime and murder. Alex was instructed as one of the leading silks in the sequence of cases that emerged from Operation Venetic. Alex continues to receive instructions in cases where legal argument capable of developing the principles surrounding this work is involved. Alex is also commonly instructed in high-profile, complex and multi-handed murder cases, both for the prosecution and the defence. Alex has established particular expertise in cases that rely upon substantial digital presentation packages and in cases involving developing areas of specialist medical evidence.

Rape and Sexual Abuse

Alex is regularly instructed to defend in the full spectrum of sexual offences work, on a private client basis. Alex often provides pre-charge, strategic advice and written representations, designed to obtain the best outcomes at the earliest stage.

Where criminal charges are unavoidable, Alex is able to offer a highly client focussed service, either by deploying an expert approach to trial or by building specialist packages of mitigation, designed to lead to rehabilitative sentencing.

Further examples of private client work and outcomes are available on request.