

Andrew Radcliffe QC

"A Rolls Royce performer whose judgment is excellent"
Chambers UK 2017



Year of Call: 1975 QC: 2000

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Andrew Radcliffe QC is a white collar crime fraud specialist, who continues to be listed as a leading silk in both the current Chambers UK and the Legal 500.

Since taking silk in 2000, his cases have included most aspects of fraud and allied offences, including allegations of price fixing, money laundering, MTIC fraud, duty evasion, insider dealing, tax evasion and advance fee fraud as well as confiscation.

He also acts in murder and other cases of serious crime and is instructed in regulatory matters, for example on behalf of the Football Association.

He frequently works in the Cayman Islands, both in an advisory capacity and in Court there. Recent examples of work in that jurisdiction include various allegations of corruption, misconduct in a public office and fraud as well as murder and firearms cases.

In 2014, he was called to the Turks & Caicos Islands Bar, appearing there in relation to a matter that concluded last year.

He was a contributor to the CBA's responses to the Law Commission in respect of the law relating to fraud and dishonesty and, later, the review of the laws of conspiracy and attempt. He is the author of two chapters (on insider dealing and regulatory offences, respectively) in 'Fraud: Law, Practice and Procedure' (published by LexisNexis in 2012).

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International

For the last 10 years he has worked regularly in the Cayman Islands, spending some two months each year in that Jurisdiction. Amongst the matters upon which he has been instructed are a series of allegations of corruption and misconduct in a public office against a senior politician. Other work there has included various matters of financial crime as well as cases of murder, firearms etc.

He appears frequently in the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal.

In 2015, he successfully represented a solicitor who was tried on charges of tax fraud in the Turks & Caicos Islands. In September 2015, he delivered a series of seven lectures in Hong Kong on the topics of money laundering, bribery, corruption and Hong Kong's new Competition Ordinance.

What others say:

"Delightful to work with" - Chambers UK 2017

"Has astonishing attention to detail coupled with superb advocacy skills, whether before a jury or an appellate tribunal, making him one of the premier commercial crime silks at the Bar." - Chambers UK 2016

"An extremely effective advocate with great intellect who takes a refreshing approach to instructions, and is always available for advice or guidance" - Chambers UK 2016

"A fraud genius" - Legal 500 2016

Business Crime & Financial Services

His practice has become predominantly one of defending in cases of serious fraud, brought by the specialist authorities - the SFO, FSA (now FCA), Office of Fair Trading (now the Competition and Markets Authority) and HMRC.

Cases

Operation Amazon

The prosecution of 5 defendants on allegations of conspiracy to cheat the Revenue where the potential loss to HMRC was over £107m. Andrew represented a Chartered Accountant who was acquitted after the Prosecution offered no further evidence following a 10 month trial.

Kent Pharmaceuticals

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Represented a human Defendant in allegations of price fixing in the National Health Service – at the time, the largest prosecution ever brought by the SFO.

R v George & Others

Acted for one of four senior British Airways executives accused of a price fixing cartel in conjunction with executives from Virgin Atlantic Airways in regard to passenger fuel surcharge. The prosecution was brought by the FSA.

R v Beveridge

£200 million money laundering allegations against a partner in a firm of solicitors (HMRC prosecution).

R v Pitcher

£52 million pension fraud prosecuted by the SFO.

R v Taneja

Claims management insurance fraud by solicitor.

R v Sanders

'Blue Index' – the first cross border (UK – USA) insider trading prosecution and brought by the FSA. It resulted from a joint investigation by the US Dept of Justice, the SEC and the FSA. It was listed by The Lawyer magazine as one of the most significant cases of 2012 and was the only criminal case on their list.

R v Barrington

Represented one Defendant prosecuted by the SFO in an investigation arising out of the liquidation of JJB plc, the sportswear retailer.

R v Barrs

€50 million cross border money laundering involving multiple jurisdictions, including Luxembourg, France, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Dubai (HMRC).

Major Accountancy Firm

He recently represented a major accountancy firm both in relation to judicial review proceedings in a SFO prosecution and, separately, in regards to accountants' duties in connection with a criminal prosecution. He is currently advising, pre charge, an individual being investigated by the CMA in respect of price fixing cartel allegations.

Football Association

He has acted for the Football Association in different matters, including those of financial irregularities at a Football League club and various allegations against footballers' agents.

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Criminal Prosecution - Public

Andrew Radcliffe has extensive experience prosecuting serious and complex cases both in this country and abroad.

He is a fraud specialist and is a member of the SFO's panel of Queen's Counsel, selected to prosecute their cases.

He has regularly prosecuted serious crime of all types in the Cayman Islands for over 10 years, notably in a number of murder trials.

Andrew maintains his prosecution practice at home, recently being instructed to prosecute a murder by CPS East of England in Norwich and to advise upon and appear before the Court of Appeal in respect of a prosecution appeal against a terminating ruling. Instructed in this matter by CPS London's CCU.

Cases

R v B and 3 others (2016)

Leading Emily Dummett of 2 Hare Court in the four handed prosecution of 2 defendants for murder and two for perverting the course of justice in circumstances related to drug dealing.

R v AP and others (2016)

Following a terminating ruling in a trial at Snaresbrook Crown Court, instructed to advise upon the merits of an appeal and to lead trial counsel at the Appeal Hearing.

R v Anglin (2015)

Cayman Islands - Trial and in Cayman Islands Court of Appeal (CICA).
Prosecuting a murder trial.

R v Borden (2014)

Cayman Islands - Trial and in Cayman Islands Court of Appeal.

Prosecuting a murder trial and subsequently in the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal.
Currently instructed to respond in an appeal to the Privy Council.

R v Jeffers No.1 (2012)

Cayman Islands - Trial and in Cayman Islands Court of Appeal.
Prosecuting a murder trial and subsequently responding on appeal in the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal.

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R v Jeffers No.2 (2014)

Cayman Islands - Trial and in the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal.

Prosecuting a murder trial and subsequently responding on appeal in the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal.

Accreditations



Appointments & Memberships

- 2000-2010: Recorder
- 1998: Assistant Recorder

- Fraud Lawyers Association
- South Eastern Circuit

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