

Angus Bunyan

"He prosecutes with a fair hand but also a firm hand, and he's incredibly knowledgeable about his cases. He prosecutes multi-defendant cases with ease."
Chambers UK 2020



Year of Call: 1999

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Angus is an experienced leading junior whose practice is predominantly focused on serious fraud, business crime, bribery and corruption and money laundering. He is a member of the SFO's 'A' panel and the CPS Specialist Fraud panel at grade 4.

He has been consistently highly rated by the directories. He is ranked as a Leading Junior in the Legal 500 in three areas, Fraud, Business and Regulatory Crime and Crime and in Chambers and Partners for Crime.

Angus prosecutes and defends in complex, demanding and often technical cases and has particular experience acting for those involved in bringing or defending private prosecutions. He also advises and represents companies and individuals in contested regulatory matters, particularly environmental proceedings.

"His judgement is sound and his manner unflappable." Legal 500 2020 Crime

"A straight shooter, who's dependable and clear in his advice and submissions. He's a likeable advocate who inspires trust." Chambers UK 2020 Fraud

"Devastating in his cross examination" Legal 500 2019 Business and Regulatory Crime

"An incredibly hard worker, he stays on top of every page of evidence" Legal 500 2019 Crime

"Instructed as a leading junior in challenging fraud cases" Legal 500 2019 Fraud

"An excellent advocate and a first rate lawyer, whose attention to detail in mammoth cases is remarkable" Legal 500 2018 Crime

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Business Crime & Financial Services

Angus has substantial experience prosecuting and defending cases of serious fraud and corruption as well as offences under the Companies Act. He is often briefed to deal with offences under POCA and also with the Act's confiscation regime including pre-charge restraint.

He has been instructed as independent Counsel by the FCA, appeared in the Tax Tribunal in 'MTIC' cases and has delivered papers to solicitors on POCA and related topics. He was recently part of a panel of international lawyers speaking on global anti-bribery and corruption at the 2015 AJIA conference in London.

Cases

R v David Mills & Others (Operation Hornet)

First junior to Brian O'Neill QC. Allegations of serious and long running corruption between senior managers of HBOS and leading figures of the UK business community.

R v Barsso & 8 Others

First junior to Brian O'Neill QC. Allegations of market rigging and hidden referral fees within the insurance industry.

Acted in the CA (as junior to a Chancery Silk) for the respondent, successfully opposing a private prosecutor's appeal against a refusal to grant a restraint order in the Crown Court.

Criminal Defence

As a junior alone, Angus has successfully defended individuals charged with murder, rape and other serious sexual offences where a robust but jury-friendly approach is required. He has also appeared as a led junior working with Silks in Chambers and outside.

Cases

R V Scott Hunt & 5 Others (junior alone)

Murder case involving the dismemberment and burial of the deceased and a subsequent conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. Angus' client was acquitted by the jury on one count and the Judge acceded to a submission of no case on a second.

R V Vitautas Jokubauskas

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Led by David Howker QC in a murder case involving the brutal killing and dismemberment of the deceased and the subsequent disposal of body parts around Peterborough.

R V Peter Barnett

Dubbed 'one of Britain's biggest fare evaders', Angus successfully argued at a Newton hearing that his client should be sentenced on a much reduced loss figure, thus ensuring that immediate imprisonment was avoided.

Private Prosecution

Angus' specialist public prosecution experience means that he is well placed to deal with the particular demands of commencing and successfully pursuing criminal proceedings brought by private individuals or corporate entities.

He has significant recent experience of advising on the merits and risks of bringing private proceedings, selecting and drafting appropriate charges, devising an appropriate case strategy, advising on disclosure issues and dealing with defence applications to challenge the proceedings. He has particular experience of advising in cases arising from complex commercial litigation and in cases where jurisdictional issues arise.

Recent instructions include:

- Acting for Oleg Deripaska in his on-going private prosecution
- Advising a Russian HNWI in contemplated proceedings
- Acting for a Saudi-based company to advise on and prosecute two UK resident individuals accused of serious fraud in the misappropriation of company funds
- Advising a businessman on potential criminal proceedings arising out of data misuse
- Acting in proceedings relating to fraudulent property transactions involving the application for pre-trial restraint by a private prosecutor

Public Prosecution

Angus is a CPS level 4 prosecutor and a member of the CPS HQ Fraud and Serious Crime panels, both also at level 4. He is now instructed as leading counsel in high-profile, sensitive and often multi-handed trials where specialist knowledge is required.

He has particular experience in dealing with cases of human trafficking and people smuggling, large-scale drug conspiracies, cases of corruption and misconduct in public office and unlawful medicines cases investigated by the MHRA.

Cases

R v Mysliwiec & Piatkowska

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Led for the Crown in a case of blackmail, false imprisonment and armed robbery committed by a Polish businessman against accountants in London. The case was investigated by the Flying Squad and included a conspiracy to pervert the course of justice organised by the first defendant's wife.

R v Harvinder Sanghera & 8 Others

Led for the Crown in a series of trials concerning the importation of very large quantities of Cocaine and ammunition into Heathrow airport via BA cargo flights from Mexico.

Criminal Regulatory

Angus is a member of the panel of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law, maintained by the HSE.

He was instructed as junior Counsel by the Environment Agency in the largest illegal waste deposit case then prosecuted by the Agency (R v O'Donnell & Others). Since then, he has successfully represented corporate clients, including a major waste firm charged with breaching environmental permits, and was instructed at first instance in *R v Thames Water Utilities Ltd [2015]*. He is particularly interested in the application of the confiscation regime to environmental offences and has delivered papers on the topic to solicitors.

Accreditations



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Appointments & Memberships

- SFO Panel A
- CPS HQ Fraud Panel
- CPS Serious Crime Panel
- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association

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- Private Prosecution Association
- UK Environmental Law Association
- Hardwicke & Wolfson Scholar of Lincoln's Inn
- Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health & Safety and Environmental Law panel member

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