



Robert Dacre

Year of Call: 2013

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Robert specialises in crime, professional discipline, regulatory law, inquests, extradition and sports law.

His recent crime instructions have included cases at levels of seriousness and complexity that are unusual for his level of call: from large drugs conspiracies to terrorism. He has appeared in his own right in the Court of Appeal and the High Court on a number of occasions.

In the field of professional discipline, Robert has represented members of a range of professions before disciplinary tribunals and Inquests. He has successfully represented doctors and nurses facing serious allegations. He has also prosecuted for a number of regulators: including the NMC, the ACCA and the RICS.

Robert's understanding of the needs of professional clients was developed during secondments across his practice areas: at the Environment Agency, a top-tier Sports Law firm, and working directly with the Director of the Criminal Division in Jersey.

He has developed a substantial extradition practice, defending and prosecuting at both the Magistrates Court and the High Court.

He also defends in cases involving health and safety and environmental offences.

## Criminal Defence

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Robert has a substantial criminal practice. He has represented clients at trial in the Crown Court across a wide spectrum of offences: from fraud, to sexual assault, to terrorism. He prides himself on quickly identifying the crux of a case, and on providing an attentive and proactive service to lay and professional clients like.

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Robert has appeared in the Court of Appeal and High Court in his own right.

Robert also has substantial experience defending in both criminal and civil confiscation hearings.

## Recent Cases:

Robert has been instructed as junior counsel in a number of significant cases. These include:

### ***R v Diini***

Junior counsel for a young man alleged to have attempted to travel to Syria to join so-called Islamic State. His client had been discovered in the back of a lorry with a man who later pleaded guilty to an offence under s. 5 of the Terrorism Act. The case involved allegations of torture at the behest of the British Secret Service, and involved a number of ex-parte applications by the Crown. Robert appeared alone at the Court of Appeal during the case when the Crown appealed a terminatory that had been made by the trial judge. His client was acquitted following a six week trial at the Central Criminal Court.

### ***R v Hamid***

Junior to Naeem Mian QC in a trial involving a Kurdish national alleged to have intended to join Islamic State. The case involved analysis of substantial phone evidence, and expert evidence in relation to Kurdish politics. Robert cross-examined an expert in Middle-Eastern politics.

### ***R v Shoaib***

Instructed as junior in a major trial at the Central Criminal Court involving allegations of conspiracy to commit misconduct in a public office.

### ***R v Stannard***

Junior counsel to Martin Heslop QC in a trial concerning historic allegations of cruelty and sexual assault against children.

### ***R v Keeling***

Junior counsel in a major drugs trial, involving the importation of around 200 kilograms of cocaine.

Robert's cases as sole counsel include the following:

### ***R v McGeown***

Represented a former soldier alleged to have committed fraud whilst working for an army charity. The client was acquitted

### ***R v C***

Robert represented a man charged with an attempted s. 18 wounding. Following Robert's cross-examination of five independent witnesses, he made a successful submission of no case to answer.

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# Criminal Regulatory

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Early on in his practice Robert undertook a three-month secondment at the Environment Agency as external counsel. He appeared on behalf of the Agency in the Magistrates' and Crown Courts, and was involved in prosecution casework across a broad range of environmental offences. He developed a detailed knowledge of environmental law, and of Environment Agency prosecutions.

Following his time at the Environment Agency, he has been instructed for the defence in a number of cases involving a range of environmental offences, from pollution to waste. Having prosecuted these matters, he is well placed to advise on strategy and approach in responding to cases brought by the Agency.

Robert has also given seminars and written articles on developments in Health and Safety Law. He spoke at the 2 Hare Court Health and Safety Seminar about the new Construction (Design and Manufacturing) Regulations. He has also spoken about recent changes in the law surrounding prohibition notices.

## Cases

### *United Utilities -v- JEM*

Advised and represented a company faced with 5 offences under the Water Industry Act 1991. The case involved complex and conflicting expert evidence in relation to the risk of environmental harm.

### *Environment Agency -v- J*

Instructed to defend in an Environment Agency prosecution under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010.

### *Environment Agency -v- M*

Instructed to prosecute an individual on behalf of the Environment Agency for pollution offences.

## Extradition

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Robert has developed substantial experience defending and prosecuting in extradition proceedings.

He regularly prosecutes Extradition matters at Westminster Magistrates Court, and is a member of the specialist Extradition Panel at Grade 2.

He has represented requested persons at first instance at the Magistrates' Court and at appeal hearings at the High Court. He has acted in cases involving a broad range of issues: from Article 8, to Romanian prison conditions, to abuse of process.

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## Recent Cases:

### ***Estonian Judicial Authority v R***

Represented an Estonian national in relation to an alleged importation of 'khat' shoots into Europe from London. The judge discharged the request on Article 8 grounds, and found that 'this is one of the rare cases where the balancing exercise should tilt towards discharging the requested person'.

### ***Romanian Judicial Authority v R***

Client discharged following appeal to the High Court in a case involving Article 8 and Article 3 of the ECHR.

### ***Spanish Judicial Authority v M***

Represented a British national requested by the Spanish authorities in relation to a credit card fraud. The Spanish Judicial Authority withdrew the warrant.

### ***Italian Judicial Authority v K***

Represented an Algerian national convicted of a number of serious drug offences in Italy a number of years ago. His warrant was discharged.

## Professional Discipline

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Robert is experienced in proceedings before the Nursing and Midwifery Council. He has appeared in a number of cases in front of the Conduct and Competence Committee, successfully defending against allegations of dishonesty and clinical errors. He has also successfully represented clients in Interim Orders hearings.

He has also appeared on behalf of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in a number of disciplinary hearings.

Robert has also been instructed to prosecute on behalf of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

He has previously sat as a panel secretary at the Registrations Appeal Panel at the NMC, working alongside panel members. He has also assisted with matters in the General Medical Council and the General Dental Council, preparing drafts in an application for Judicial Review of a decision made by an NMC panel, and in an appeal against the General Teaching Council for Wales.

He has recently been instructed to prepare case reports for the National Council for Teaching and Leadership.

## Criminal Prosecution - Public

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Robert is a Grade 2 Prosecutor.

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He has been instructed in a number of trials across the full spectrum of criminal offences.

He was recently seconded to the Law Officers Department in Jersey, where he directly advised the Director of the Criminal Division (the Jersey equivalent of the Director of Public Prosecutions). His work there including the drafting of advices on complex criminal cases, reviewing disclosure and preparing matters for trial. It also included advisory work in relation to prosecutions brought in relation to Health and Safety and other regulatory offences.

He has also previously been instructed by the CPS HQ's Specialist Fraud Division as disclosure junior in a major fraud prosecution, reviewing a large number of documents, including sensitive material. He has extensive knowledge of the principles of Disclosure and PII.

## Sports Law

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Robert takes instructions in sports related matters, particularly where they involve disciplinary proceedings.

He is currently seconded to a top-tier Sports law firm. His experience there has included work with a number of sports governing bodies, from the French Rugby Federation to the Greyhound Board of Great Britain. It has also involved cases at a range of tribunals including the FIFA DRC and CAS.

## Inquests & Public Inquiries

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Robert is frequently instructed to represent medical professionals at inquests.

His recent instructions include representing a consultant charged with the care of a woman who had taken an overdose of paracetamol, and a GP involved in the management at home of a man who died following cancer surgery.

Robert has written a guide to inquests, which is available on request from [clerks@2harecourt.com](mailto:clerks@2harecourt.com).

## Appointments & Memberships

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- Criminal Bar Association
- Young Fraud Lawyers
- Health & Safety Lawyers Association
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers

## Education & Qualifications

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- 2013: BPTC, City Law School
- 2012: Queen Mother Scholarship, Middle Temple
- 2012: BA (Hons) Law, Magdalene College, Cambridge
- 2011: Astbury Scholarship, Middle Temple
- 2010: BA (Hons) History (First), Exeter College, Oxford
- 2009: Simon Pointer Prize for History
- 2008: Ellison Scholarship

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