



YEAR OF BIRTH	1957
YEAR OF CALL	1980
APPOINTMENTS	1994 – Assistant Recorder 1997 – Queen’s Counsel (at the age of 39) 2001 – Deputy High Court Judge 2004 – Bencher of Middle Temple 2008 – Senior Treasury Counsel

PROFILE

Ranked by *Chambers and Partners* and the *Legal 500* as a premier tier advocate in crime; he is regarded as “the outstanding silk on the Northern circuit at the moment” who is “never anything other than cool, calm and collected even in the teeth of serious provocation”. He undertakes “very heavy crime in his impressively broad practice”.

As a junior he came to public prominence by defending the footballer, Bruce Grobelaar on corruption charges. Since taking silk he has prosecuted and defended in many high profile and notable cases, including *R v. Taft* (“Beauty in the Bath”), *R v. Allan* (“Death on the Nile”) and *R v Park* (“Lady in the Lake”). In 2006 he began to prosecute terrorist cases for CPS HQ London and substantial frauds for the Serious Fraud Office.

His areas of specialism include police law, public law and judicial review where he is first choice counsel for the authorities and other public bodies. He is also regularly instructed by Accident Exchange PLC, one of the leading operators in the market of consumer credit and credit hire.

RECENT CASES

Case Name: *R v. Rangzieb Ahmed, Habib Ahmed and Mehreen Haji*
Appearance: Prosecution
Description: Terrorism trial at Manchester: first ever conviction for a section 56 offence of directing a terrorist organisation

Case Name: *R v Gilleard*
Appearance: Prosecuting
Description: Terrorism (nazi nail bomber) at Leeds Crown Court

Case: *R v. Manchester Crown Court ex p Malik*
Appearance: Responding
Description: Judicial Review on behalf of Greater Manchester Police relating to production orders in the context of a terrorism trial

Case: *Severn Trent Water*
Appearance: Prosecution
Description: Prosecution of plc for offences of misleading OFWAT under the Water Act (first ever such prosecution).

Case: *R v Capewell*
Appearance: Defence
Description: Carousel Fraud Trial and subsequent successful appeal.