



YEAR OF BIRTH	1952
YEAR OF CALL	1975
INN	Middle Temple
CIRCUIT	South Eastern
RECORDER	1998 – Assistant Recorder 2000 – Recorder
QC	2000

## PROFILE

A white collar crime fraud specialist, much of his recent work has been defending, although, in the past, he has, in addition, regularly been instructed by SFO (including MLA cases) and CPS.

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 and advance fee fraud as well as confiscation.

He also prosecutes and defends in murder and other cases of serious crime. He is instructed in regulatory matters, for example on behalf of the FA, and regularly works in the Cayman Islands, both in an advisory capacity and appearing in court there, at all levels.

He was a contributor to the CBA's responses to the Law Commission in respect of the review of the law relating to fraud and dishonesty and, more recently, the review of the laws of conspiracy and attempt.

Between 2003 and 2009 he was the Chairman of Chambers' Management Committee.

He is cited as a Leading Silk in both the *Legal 500* and *Chambers and Partners* legal directories.

## NOTABLE CASES

Case Name:	<i>R v George and others</i>
Appearance:	Defence
Category:	Section 188 of the Enterprise Act 2002
Detail:	Successfully represented one of the Defendants in the OFT's prosecution of four British Airways executives accused of price fixing in collusion with Virgin Atlantic Airways executives

Case Name: *R v GG plc and others ('Kent Pharmaceuticals')*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Conspiracy to defraud  
Detail: Represented a human Defendant in the successful defence of the SFO's largest ever prosecution in relation to allegations of the price fixing of prescription drugs

Case Name: *FA v Luton Town FC*  
Appearance: FA  
Category: Regulatory charges  
Detail: A series of individual hearings against the football club, various club directors and football agents in regard to irregular payments to agents made in breach of FA Rules

Case Name: *R v Beveridge and others*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Money laundering  
Detail: Partner in firm of Solicitors accused of laundering £200m through the firm's client account

Case Name: *FA v Barnett*  
Appearance: FA  
Category: Regulatory charges  
Detail: Charges against Ashley Cole's agent in relation to the Chelsea FC "tapping up" case

Case Name: *R v Iqbal and others*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Money laundering  
Detail: Allegations of £100m money laundering through Pakistan and Far East

Case Name: *R v Sheldon Brown*  
Appearance: Prosecution  
Category: Attempted murder  
Detail: Shooting of witness by gang leader in Cayman Islands

Case Name: *R v Hipkiss and others*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Duty evasion  
Detail: At the time, the largest ever duty evasion by the importation of cigarettes

Case Name: *R v McHugh and others*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Conspiracy to defraud  
Detail: Advance fee fraud involving a succession of 'phoenix' businesses

Case Name: *R v Chinn and others*  
Appearance: Prosecution  
Category: Murder and firearms  
Detail: Revenge execution of rival drug dealer

Case Name: *R v Ramzan and others*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Money laundering  
Detail: £150m money laundering

Case Name: *R v Wakeman*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: VAT evasion  
Detail: Multi-million pound MTIC fraud

Significant reported cases include:

Case Name: *B v DPP [2000] 2AC 428*  
Court: House of Lords  
Detail: Strict liability and mistake of fact

Case Name: *R v Sec of State for Home Dept ex p Fininvest [1997] 1 Cr App R 257*  
Court: Divisional Court  
Detail: Acted for SFO re MLA request by the Italian authorities relating to the prosecution there of Silvio Berlusconi

Case Name: *R V Cowan & Gayle [1996] 1 Cr App R 1*  
Court: Court of Appeal  
Detail: Abrogation of right of silence by section 35 of CJPOA 1994