



YEAR OF BIRTH	1945	
YEAR OF CALL	1973	
INN	Middle Temple	
CIRCUIT	South Eastern	
RECORDER	1986	
QC	1999	
APPOINTMENTS	1989-1994	Junior Treasury Counsel
	1994-1999	Senior Treasury Counsel
	1999	President, Mental Health Review Tribunal

PROFILE

One of the most eminent London criminal silks, his practice consistently comprises high profile serious cases. He is regarded by his peers as a “classy and understated advocate” and described by solicitors as “one of best criminal silks around at present”, “a barrister to roll out for the big occasions”, “a self-effacing advocate with an eye for detail” and “genuinely out of the top drawer, he is a formidable opponent for anyone”.

He is able to draw on ten years adversarial experience as Treasury Counsel. In silk he has represented both the prosecution and defence at the highest level in criminal offences of the utmost gravity and complexity. For example, Jonathan Aitken, Jeffrey Archer, Nicholas Van Hoogstraten, Larcenko (human trafficking) and Omar Khyam, Al-Qaeda terrorist associated with 9/11 twin towers plot.

He was Head of Chambers from July 2003–October 2009 and has been recommended previously in *Chambers and Partners Guide* and *The Legal 500* directories.

NOTABLE CASES

Case Name: *R v Khyam & Others*
Appearance: Prosecution
Description: Terrorist “Fertiliser bomb plot” – Al-Qaeda terrorist case (7 defendants: legal argument November 2005– February 2006; trial March 2006 –April 2007) described by the Attorney General as the most serious terrorist case to be tried by our courts.

Case Name: *R v Jordon Mayers*
Appearance: Prosecution
Description: Murder trial by Gross J. between 9/7/07 and 25/7/07, one of principal cases re anonymity of witnesses heard prior to House of Lords decision in *R v Davis*. Subsequently leading case when Court of Appeal laid down guidelines on the topic.

Case Name: *R v Khyam & Others v Court of Appeal (see above)*
Appearance: Prosecution
Description: Appeal heard between 10/6/08 and 23/6/08 in relation to terrorist "Fertiliser bomb plot" – the Al-Qaeda terrorist case. Matters raised included impact of treatment of defendant in Pakistan upon fairness of trial process, Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (R.I.P.A.), effect of publicity upon jury, law re accomplice evidence and when a conspiracy comes into existence, overlapping of judge's functions on disclosure as judge of fact in relation to abuse applications.

Case Name: *R v Anne Darwin*
Appearance: Defence
Description: High profile trial of the wife of the missing canoeist who faked his death to start a new life in Panama with the insurance payout. Her defence of marital coercion was highly unusual, emanates from a 1925 statute and has been considered by the Law Commission.

Case Name: *R v Hinton*
Appearance: Defence
Description: CA reserved judgement on guideline case as to circumstances in which a party to civil litigation should be permitted to pursue proceedings for contempt of court and the Attorney General's role in the process. Case involved a senior manager of multinational company who gave false testimony to an interlocutory hearing that was not determinative to the outcome of the summary judgement application. The argument was further complicated by the Respondent being in Australia and issues relating to his extradition for contempt.

Case Name: *R v Nicholas Van Hoogstraten*
Appearance: Prosecution QC
Category: Alleged murder/Alleged manslaughter
Detail: At first instance, re-trial and in court of appeal (twice) leading case re secondary liability for manslaughter

Case Name: *R v Jeffrey Archer*
Appearance: Prosecution QC
Category: Perjury/perverting the course of justice
Detail: Arising out of false civil claim for damages

Case Name: *R v Delroy Denton*
Appearance: Prosecution QC
Category: Murder
Detail: At first instance and in Court of Appeal. Authority re role of informant and disclosure

Case Name: *R v Dwayne Williams*
Appearance: Prosecution QC
Category: Murder
Detail: First case of murder committed in course of car hijacking

Case Name: *R v Suschetet*
Appearance: Defence QC
Category: Airline bomb hoax
Detail: Successful defence of City Banker. Issues re third party disclosure.

Case Name: *R v Jonathan Aitkin*
Appearance: Prosecution QC
Category: Perjury and perverting the course of justice
Detail: In relation to payment of hotel bill

Case Name: *R v Pendleton*
Appearance: Prosecution QC
Category: Alleged murder
Detail: House of Lords. Leading authority in relation to powers of Court of Appeal where fresh evidence adduced

Case Name: *R v Schubakor*
Appearance: Defence QC
Category: Alleged murder
Detail: Successful defence where secondary liability for murder in issue

Case Name: *R v Johnson Rowe & Davis*
Appearance: Prosecution QC
Category: Alleged murder
Detail: Leading authority in Court of Appeal as to procedure re disclosure

Case Name: *R v Bilia & Mertons*
Appearance: Prosecution QC
Category: Murder
Description: Leading authority on approach to co-defendant's character

Case Name: *R v VanDongen & Others*
Appearance: Prosecution QC
Category: Murder
Description: Powers of the CCA re provocation. Leave given to appeal to Court of Appeal

Case Name: *R v Larcenko & Others*
Appearance: Prosecution QC
Category: Human trafficking
Description: Human traffickers who traded in women from eastern Europe and forced them into prostitution – 5 month trial