



DATE OF BIRTH	1960
YEAR OF CALL	1982
INN	Inner Temple
CIRCUIT	South Eastern
RECORDER	1998
QUEEN'S COUNSEL	2008
APPOINTMENTS	1995-2000 Junior Treasury Counsel 2000 to present Senior Treasury Counsel

## PROFILE

As a junior he was cited in the *Chambers and Partners Guide* as having, “lethal cross-examination skills and a mean way with closing speeches” and “quite outstanding in his conduct of a case”. Since his appointment into silk he has been described as “one of country’s leading silks”.

Jonathan Laidlaw QC has almost unrivalled experience in prosecuting the most demanding and serious cases brought in this country over the last 15 years as Treasury Counsel. From the first war crimes prosecution, the PIRA bombing of Canary Wharf trial, the Hungerford Bridge murder trial, the Official Secrets Act prosecutions of both Tomlinson and David Shayler, the Jill Dando murder trial, the CCRC reference to the Court of Appeal in the case of Jeremy Bamber through to the prosecution of Dhiron Barot and others (the Al Qaeda cell who had planned pre 9/11 attacks in the US and a UK campaign before their arrests in 2005) and the Al Qaeda attack in London and on Glasgow Airport. He has also appeared in the House of Lords and frequently represents the Attorney General in the Court of Appeal.

His involvement in prosecution work extends to advising various Government departments and the intelligence agencies and he is one of the few ‘developed vetted’ and security cleared counsel. He is highly experienced in the pre-charge preparation of long-running investigations, developing the strategy and in managing and running teams of investigators and lawyers. Such cases frequently involve highly sensitive work and enquiries with consequent PII issues.

Throughout this period Jonathan Laidlaw QC has also maintained a regulatory practice representing corporate clients such as Texaco and Gulf, BOC, Ford, Southern Cross, Esso, BHP Billiton and Fluor. He has also represented the Football Association in major sporting disciplinary hearings.

In his last year as First Senior Treasury Counsel, before returning to develop his defence practice, Jonathan Laidlaw QC will prosecute a member of the Saudi Royal Family alleged to have murdered his aide in London. He is instructed to defend in another major Health and Safety prosecution and to appear in a major Inquest. He has provided advice to a number of private clients in respect of recent high profile police investigations.

## RECENT CASES

Case Name: R. v. Billa Abdulla  
Appearance: Prosecution  
Description: The Al Qaeda plot to bomb the Tiger Tiger nightclub in Piccadilly and the attempt to bomb Glasgow Airport  
Instructed by: Susan Hemming, Director of the CPS Counter Terrorism Division

Case Name: R. v. Southern Cross  
Appearance: Defence  
Description: Defended in prosecution brought by the HSE following a death in one of the company's care homes  
Instructed by: Jeremy Allin of Lester Aldridge

Case Name: R. v. Chrishanthakumar  
Appearance: Prosecution  
Description: The prosecution of LTTE terrorist equipment and funding organisation  
Instructed by: Susan Hemming, Director of the CPS Counter Terrorism Division

Case Name: R. v. Papalexis and others  
Appearance: Prosecution  
Description: The 'Greek playboy murder'  
Instructed by: Judith Reed, Head of the CPS Homicide Team

Case Name: R. v. Goren  
Appearance: Prosecution  
Description: Honour killing of 15 year Kurdish old girl by her father  
Instructed by: Judith Reed, Head of the CPS Homicide Team

Case Name: FA v West Ham and Millwall  
Description: Acted for The Football Association in the disciplinary proceedings brought against the clubs arising from the crowd trouble at the recent Carling Cup fixture  
Instructed by: Tariq Shamel – Football Association

Case Name: HSE v Flour  
Appearance: Defence  
Description: Prosecution brought by the HSE which was stayed as an abuse of process  
Instructed by: Gary Cassidy of Hogan Lovells