

Andrew Radcliffe KC

"He is understatedly brilliant."
Chambers UK 2024



Year of Call: 1975 KC: 2000

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Andrew Radcliffe KC is predominantly a white collar crime fraud specialist, who continues to be listed as a leading silk both in Chambers & Partners UK and Legal 500.

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, insider dealing, tax evasion and advance fee fraud as well as confiscation.

He also regularly defends and prosecutes in murder and other cases of serious crime and his practice includes regulatory matters.

In May – July 2019 he acted for an Interested Person in the London Bridge Inquests.

He frequently works in the Cayman Islands, both in an advisory capacity and in court there and where his work, detailed below, has covered a wide range of serious crime.

Previously, he has been called to the Turks & Caicos Bar, representing a lawyer facing tax fraud allegations.

He was a contributor to the CBA's responses to the Law Commission in respect proposed changes to the laws on fraud and dishonesty and, later, their review of the laws of conspiracy and attempt. He was the author of two chapters (on insider dealing and regulatory offences, respectively) in '*Fraud: Law, Practice and Procedure*', published by LexisNexis in 2012.

International

Since 2005 he has worked regularly in the Cayman Islands, making frequent visits to that jurisdiction. His work there has included various allegations of gang related murder and firearms offences as well as fraud, corruption, misconduct in public office (sometimes involving senior politicians), and other aspects of financial crime.

He has conducted numerous trials there (both jury and judge alone trials under the local legislation) and has made many appearances in the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal.

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In 2014 and 2015, he successfully represented a solicitor who was tried on charges of stamp duty fraud in Turks & Caicos Islands.

He has lectured extensively in Hong Kong on topics including money laundering, bribery, corruption, misconduct in public office and Hong Kong's recent Competition Ordinance.

What others say:

"His attention to detail is remarkable, and his recall of matters that link and therefore matter is astonishing to behold." – Chambers UK 2024

"Andrew's knowledge of the law and ability to apply that is brilliant. He is calm and commands attention." – Chambers UK 2024

"Andrew's attention to detail is particularly important in fraud cases, where he thoroughly masters all the evidence, cross-referencing vast quantities of material. He is a strong advocate, who commands attention and remains calm and assured in his tone to the jury." – Legal 500 UK 2024

"Andrew is an exceptional practitioner. He is very able and bright." – Chambers UK 2023

"A great tactician." "He is the smoothest advocate and is always on top of his brief." – Chambers UK 2022

"He is extremely clever, works very hard and is charming and disarming in cross-examination." and "He's a very strategic thinker so he gets very good results for clients." – Chambers UK 2021

"He is a highly effective advocate." – Legal 500 UK 2022

"An extraordinarily well prepared silk, knew the case, law, and facts inside out and hit the perfect tone with witnesses, the judge and jury. Great for complex cases at the very highest level as he is a first-class advocate, strategist and star performer." – Legal 500 2021

"Incredibly bright and hard working. He's like a smiling Saturn – even hostile witnesses call him charming. He combines hard work with very expert cross examination in a way that disarms witnesses" – Chambers UK 2020

"A brilliant jury advocate." – Legal 500 2020

"Delightful to work with" – Chambers UK 2017

"A fraud genius" – Legal 500 2016

Business Crime & Financial Services

His practice has become predominantly one of defending in cases of serious fraud, brought by the specialist authorities – the SFO, FSA (now FCA), Office of Fair Trading (now the Competition and Markets Authority) and HMRC.

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Cases

R v LJR and others

Leading **Chris Foulkes**, they represented one of five Defendants in a major money laundering operation in the first of a scheduled series of trials where it was alleged that, in all, a large number of couriers made or attempted to make a total of 85 flights from LHR to Dubai carrying suitcases containing over £100m in cash. Following a 7 week trial, the client was the only Defendant to be found not guilty.

Operation Amazon

The trial of seven Defendants on allegations of conspiracy to cheat the Revenue where the potential loss to HMRC exceeded £107m. Represented a Chartered Accountant who was acquitted when the Prosecution offered no further evidence following the jury's disagreement after a 10 month trial.

R v P (and another)

£52m pension fraud.

R v B and others

£200m money laundering allegations against a partner in a firm of solicitors.

R v T and others

Claims management insurance fraud alleged against a solicitor.

R v B and others

Represented a Defendant in a trial arising out of the liquidation of JJB plc, the sportswear retailer.

R v B and others

€50m cross border money laundering involving multiple jurisdictions, including Luxembourg, France, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Dubai.

R v S and others

'Blue Index' – the first cross border (UK – USA) insider dealing prosecution, resulting from a joint investigation by the US Dept of Justice, the SEC and the British authorities. Identified in advance by The Lawyer magazine as one of the most significant cases of the year and the only criminal case on their list.

R v G and others

Acted for one of four senior British Airways executives accused of a price fixing cartel in conjunction with Virgin Atlantic Airways executives in regards to passenger fuel surcharges.

Kent Pharmaceuticals

Represented a human Defendant in allegations against individuals and corporations of price fixing in the NHS – at the time, the largest prosecution ever brought by the SFO.

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R v P and others

Mortgage fraud.

Major Accountancy Firm

Represented a major accountancy firm both in judicial review proceedings arising out of a SFO prosecution and, separately, in regards to accountants' duties in connection with a criminal prosecution.

Criminal Defence

Recent examples include:

Cases

R v C

Murder by strangulation where issues including non Defendant's bad character and loss of control arose.

R v K

Murder by stabbing where the householder's defence was central to the issues.

R v A, B, D and C [2021] EWCA Crim 128

Represented one Defendant in the Encrochat test case.

R v T and others

Stabbing in the street in the course of a large scale public disorder where he represented one of four Defendants charged with murder.

R v B

Acted for a 15 year old girl accused of stabbing a former friend.

R v L

Multiple stabbing of an elderly woman.

R v M

Drugs related aggravated burglary where the death and indicted charge of murder of an occupant gave rise to significant issues of causation.

Public Prosecution

Andrew Radcliffe KC has extensive experience prosecuting complex cases both in this country and abroad. These

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include regularly prosecuting serious crime of all types in the Cayman Islands since 2005, many involving gang related offences.

Recent examples, domestically and abroad, include:

Cases

R v B and others

Murder and perverting the course of justice arising out of 'County Lines' drug dealing.

R v AP and others

Following a terminating ruling in the Crown Court, instructed to advise upon the merits of an appeal and to lead trial counsel in the Court of Appeal.

In the Cayman Islands, examples of trials and their subsequent appeals:

Cases

R v A

Murder of a 4 year old child.

R v B and another

Gang related murder of a rival gang member (including responding to an application for permission to appeal made to the Privy Council).

R v J (No.1)

Murder of a youth mistakenly shot during a gang related feud.

R v J (No.2)

Gang related murder of rival gang member.

R v R and others

Responding to conjoined appeals in the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal in relation to minimum terms set for those serving life sentences following the introduction of a Conditional Release Law requiring a period of imprisonment to be specified before eligibility for conditional release on licence arises.

Accreditations

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Appointments & Memberships

- KC 2000
- Recorder 2000-2010
- Assistant Recorder 1998

- Member of the South Eastern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association (formerly a Committee member)
- Fraud Lawyers Association

Publications

- The author of two chapters (on insider dealing and regulatory offences, respectively) in 'Fraud: Law, Practice and Procedure' (LexisNexis 2012).
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