

Angus Bunyan

"He has a very calm approach which is very effective with juries." "Just the man to have on your side in a legal scrap and a huge asset to any team."

Chambers UK 2021



Year of Call: 1999

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Angus is an established leading junior whose practice is focused on serious fraud and business crime.

He recently acted for the SFO in securing Deferred Prosecution Agreements with two UK companies for bribery offences. He is currently instructed by the SFO to prosecute individuals suspected of bribery in the construction sector, prosecuted UK directors for paying bribes to secure Afghan military contracts and acted in the HBOS case involving corruption between senior managers at the bank and leading figures of the business community.

Angus also has significant expertise both in bringing and defending private prosecutions, especially those related to commercial disputes. He recently represented Oleg Deripaska in his private prosecution of Vladimir Chernukhin and in the related Judicial Review proceedings and his advice and counsel is regularly sought by other HNW individuals and companies.

He also represents individual and corporate clients in regulatory matters, particularly those facing proceedings for environmental offences. An SFO Panel A and CPS level 4 prosecutor, he is routinely instructed as leading counsel in high profile, complex and multi-handed trials where specialist knowledge and first-rate advocacy are required.

What others say:

"He combines mastery of the details with the ability to see the bigger picture. He has a focused approach and complete unflappable in and out of court." – Legal 500 UK 2021 (Fraud)

"His judgement is sound and his manner unflappable." Legal 500 2020 (Crime)

"A straight shooter, who's dependable and clear in his advice and submissions. He's a likeable advocate who inspires trust." Chambers UK 2020 (Fraud)

"He prosecutes with a fair hand but also a firm hand, and he's incredibly knowledgeable about his cases. He prosecutes multi-defendant cases with ease." – Chambers UK 2020 (Crime)

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“Devastating in his cross examination” Legal 500 2019 (Business and Regulatory Crime)

“An incredibly hard worker, he stays on top of every page of evidence” Legal 500 2019 (Crime)

“Instructed as a leading junior in challenging fraud cases” Legal 500 2019 (Fraud)

“An excellent advocate and a first rate lawyer, whose attention to detail in mammoth cases is remarkable” Legal 500 2018 (Crime)

“Defends and prosecutes serious and organised crime” Legal 500 2017 (Crime)

Business Crime & Financial Services

Angus has substantial experience prosecuting and defending cases of serious fraud and corruption as well as offences under the Companies Act. He is often briefed to deal with offences under POCA and also with the Act's confiscation regime including pre-charge restraint.

He has been instructed as independent Counsel by the FCA, appeared in the Tax Tribunal in 'MTIC' cases and has delivered papers to solicitors on POCA and related topics. He was recently part of a panel of international lawyers speaking on global anti-bribery and corruption at the 2015 AJIA conference in London.

Cases

R v David Mills & Others (Operation Hornet)

First junior to Brian O'Neill QC. Allegations of serious and long running corruption between senior managers of HBOS and leading figures of the UK business community.

R v Barsso & 8 Others

First junior to Brian O'Neill QC. Allegations of market rigging and hidden referral fees within the insurance industry.

Acted in the CA (as junior to a Chancery Silk) for the respondent, successfully opposing a private prosecutor's appeal against a refusal to grant a restraint order in the Crown Court.

Criminal Defence

As a junior alone, Angus has successfully defended individuals charged with murder, rape and other serious sexual offences where a robust but jury-friendly approach is required. He has also appeared as a led junior working with Silks in Chambers and outside.

Cases

R v Scott Hunt & 5 Others (junior alone)

Murder case involving the dismemberment and burial of the deceased and a subsequent conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. Angus' client was acquitted by the jury on one count and the Judge acceded to a submission of

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no case on a second.

R v Vitautas Jokubauskas

Led by David Howker QC in a murder case involving the brutal killing and dismemberment of the deceased and the subsequent disposal of body parts around Peterborough.

Private Prosecution

Angus Bunyan draws on his very substantial criminal prosecution experience to advise both corporate and private clients on the merits of and particular issues with bringing (or defending) a private prosecution.

He is increasingly sought after by leading firms to provide advice and representation to HNW individuals and companies (based here or overseas) who wish to protect their interests by way of private criminal proceedings in the UK.

Angus has particular experience of advising in cases which are related to commercial litigation and where jurisdictional and other complex issues arise.

Recent instructions include:

- Acting for Mr Oleg Deripaska in his UK private prosecution and in associated Judicial Review proceedings, *R (Deripaska) v DPP* [2020] EWHC 2918 (Admin) (instructed by RPC)
- Acting for Mr Vitaly Orlov in his UK private prosecution (instructed by Macfarlanes)
- Advising a company on proceedings against a former senior employee
- Advising a family on proceedings against a former senior adviser
- Acting for a Saudi-based company prosecuting individuals accused of the misappropriation of company funds
- Advising on potential criminal proceedings arising out of data misuse
- Defending an application for pre-trial restraint by a private prosecutor, related to property fraud

Public Prosecution

Angus is a CPS level 4 prosecutor and a member of the CPS HQ Fraud and Serious Crime panels, both also at level 4. He is now instructed as leading counsel in high-profile, sensitive and often multi-handed trials where specialist knowledge is required.

He has particular experience in dealing with cases of human trafficking and people smuggling, large-scale drug conspiracies, cases of corruption and misconduct in public office and unlawful medicines cases investigated by the MHRA.

Cases

R v Mysliwec & Piatkowska

Led for the Crown in a case of blackmail, false imprisonment and armed robbery committed by a Polish businessman against accountants in London. The case was investigated by the Flying Squad and included a

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conspiracy to pervert the course of justice organised by the first defendant's wife.

R v Harvinder Sanghera & 8 Others

Led for the Crown in a series of trials concerning the importation of very large quantities of Cocaine and ammunition into Heathrow airport via BA cargo flights from Mexico.

Criminal Regulatory

Angus is a member of the panel of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law, maintained by the HSE.

He was instructed as junior Counsel by the Environment Agency in the largest illegal waste deposit case then prosecuted by the Agency (R v O'Donnell & Others). Since then, he has successfully represented corporate clients, including a major waste firm charged with breaching environmental permits, and was instructed at first instance in *R v Thames Water Utilities Ltd [2015]*. He is particularly interested in the application of the confiscation regime to environmental offences and has delivered papers on the topic to solicitors.

Accreditations



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Appointments & Memberships

- SFO Panel A
- CPS HQ Fraud Panel
- CPS Serious Crime Panel
- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Private Prosecution Association
- UK Environmental Law Association
- Hardwicke & Wolfson Scholar of Lincoln's Inn
- Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health & Safety and Environmental Law panel member

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