

Scott Ivill

"Such a wealth of experience and great to work with. He has an excellent manner with clients and is able to handle difficult cases well. Scott is an excellent advocate who gets excellent results."
Chambers UK 2024



Year of Call: 1997

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Described as a 'Premier League' advocate, Scott Ivill has 26 years' experience and has consistently been described by the leading industry guide as being a "leader of the Bar". Highly regarded by both professional and lay clients, Scott is in great demand in each of his practice areas. He is renowned for his accomplished advocacy, his ability to manage complex issues and his excellent judgement. He has a tremendous commitment and dedication to his clients' cases, and comes with a reputation for robust advocacy, fearless cross-examination and an unwavering determination to succeed.

Extremely hard-working, Scott adopts a meticulous approach to the detail of every case, and he has a charming and approachable manner that immediately puts his clients at ease. His belief in a team approach means that Scott works closely with all involved to achieve the best possible outcome and is regularly the subject of positive client feedback. Recent client feedback has included: "I doubt we could have been more ably represented...you were excellent counsel" and "You could not have done a better job, I am truly grateful" and "You are a very, very good barrister".

Scott is highly recommended in Legal 500 & Chambers UK for both Professional Discipline and Crime, cementing his reputation as a leader in both fields. He is also extremely experienced, and sought-after, in the field of Inquests.

Scott accepts **Direct Access** instructions.

What others say:

"Excellent at distilling information and presenting it in a persuasive way. Extremely hard-working." –
Chambers UK 2024 (Professional Discipline)

"Very methodical and strategic in his approach to cases. He's excellent in cross-examination." –
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“Scott is excellent in cross-examination and someone who takes a good, strategic approach to cases.” – Chambers UK 2024 (Crime)

“A passionate barrister with excellent oratory skills. He looks into the fine details of the case and puts them forward in strong arguments.” – Legal 500 UK 2024 (Professional Discipline)

“Scott is an excellent advocate who is a pleasure to work with. He is very down to earth and makes clients feel at ease.” – Chambers UK 2023 (Crime)

“Scott is a first class advocate whose oral advocacy is excellent. He is extremely articulate and persuasive and has a great presence in court. There is no junior more hard-working. He is a joy to work with.” – Legal 500 UK 2023 (Crime)

“Scott is a very experienced and skilled advocate. He is always on top of the detail of a case, picking up complex clinical matters quickly and easily. He is methodical when dealing with document heavy matters.” – Legal 500 UK 2023 (Professional Discipline)

“A practical barrister who is easy to deal with.” – Chambers UK 2022

“A fine jury advocate who will leave no stone unturned.” – Legal 500 UK 2021

“He is a street fighter” who has “good judgement.” “A charismatic advocate.” – Chamber UK 2021

“He has great attention to detail and is well prepared. Good with the lay client and persuasive on his feet.” – Legal 500 2021

“Very measured, good on client care and tactically aware.” “He is very confident, sensible and robust when needed.” – Chambers UK 2020

“A fine jury advocate who will leave no stone unturned. ” – Legal 500 2020

“Efficient, thorough and prompt.” – Legal 500 2020

“Tireless in pursuit of the best possible results for his clients.” – Legal 500 2017

“He uses his advocacy to devastating effect.” – Legal 500 2017

“A Premier League advocate” – Chambers UK 2017

“He continues to demonstrate an extremely high level of academic prowess.” – Legal 500

Professional Discipline

Scott advises and represents professionals throughout the entire professional discipline process. He regularly appears in fitness to practice cases where he defends regulated professionals in the health care and financial disciplines. He also acts for Regulators such as the General Osteopathic Council. As an extremely experienced leading junior, Scott is able to deploy the highest skills of advocacy – honed in the most serious cases in criminal practice – to optimum effect in mounting submissions and in the cross-examination of witnesses. His ability is such that he is regularly the subject of positive comment from instructing solicitors. His experience in this field, and inquests more generally, allows for continuity of representation in cases involving the potential culpability of

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healthcare professionals. Recent client feedback has included: “Thank you so much, you have saved my career” and “If there was a model of how to submit on the facts and UPC then you have just shown it.” Scott is also an appointed legal advisor to the General Pharmaceutical Council.

Cases

Doctor PL

Multiple allegations resulting in the GMC seeking an 18-month ISO. Following argument advanced by Scott, the panel determined that No Order should be made. Scott was instructed by Radcliffe Le Brasseur solicitors.

Doctor HA

Multiple allegations resulting in the GMC seeking an 18-month ISO. Following argument advanced by Scott, the panel determined that No Order should be made. Scott was instructed by Nabarro solicitors.

Nurse RN

Represented a senior nurse, of good character, accused of 11 separate matters of misconduct. Scott successfully persuaded the Conduct & Competence Committee of the Nursing & Midwifery Council Panel that there was no case to answer on five of the 11 charges, that a further five charges had not been proved and that the final, admitted, charge did not constitute misconduct.

PO

Instructed on behalf of the General Osteopathic Council presenting one of their longest ever cases. Multiple allegations of dishonesty. Facts and unacceptable.

Professional conduct proved. The Sanction was Removal. In addition to presenting the case, Scott provided advice as to the drafting of the allegations and their juxtaposition with the Act and the Code. He also drafted the skeleton argument that formed the basis of the case.

Inquests & Public Inquiries

Scott is an experienced inquest advocate where he acts for healthcare professionals (allied to his professional disciplinary work) and Trusts. Inquests form a central part of his practice and he is an accomplished practitioner who is regularly requested to act in this area of law. He will always seek to ensure that his clients’ risk of future professional disciplinary proceedings or prosecution is avoided or minimised.

Cases

Dr M

Instructed in a seven-day inquest following a death on discharge from hospital. Scott represented a doctor who was, at the time of the death, a trainee vascular surgeon and who is now a trainee neurosurgeon. The Coroner thanked Scott for his assistance in what the Coroner described had been “a very difficult inquest.” Narrative conclusion with a neglect rider. PFD referral on multiple issues. Although a number of health care professionals were the subject of trenchant criticism, no such criticism was levied at Scott’s client. This case was reported in the national press. Scott was instructed by Nabarro solicitors.

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Dr K

Instructed in an Article 2 inquest, acting on behalf of a Doctor. Following the five-day hearing the jury returned a short from conclusion of suicide. Scott was instructed by BLM solicitors.

CM

Instructed on behalf of a Nurse who had been tasked with the care of the deceased following elective laparoscopic surgery for a hernia at a private hospital. A cause of death was post-operative haemorrhage. Narrative conclusion. No finding of neglect.

RH

Accepted instruction on a pro-bono basis in a high-profile inquest on behalf of the family of one of three soldiers killed whilst travelling in a Mastiff armoured patrol vehicle in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. An improvised explosive device had been placed in a tunnel below the road and triggered using a command wire from a nearby compound. The fatalities were a direct consequence of the blast overmatch. Issues included whether the British Government had provided a vehicle that was fit for purpose and shortcomings in the relaying of intelligence. Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths report sent by the Coroner. The case was widely reported in the media.

Criminal Defence

Frequently instructed as leading counsel, Scott has more than two decades' worth of experience of defending in grave and complex criminal matters, including murder, attempted murder, serious violence, armed robbery, firearms, and major drug trafficking. He appears predominantly in multi-handed cases and, in addition to matters involving organised crime, is also vastly experienced in cases of large-scale and complex fraud. He has an enviable track record in the defence of those charged with serious and complex crime, as recognised by Chambers and Partners UK and The Legal 500 who rank him as a leading barrister in all areas of crime.

Cases

R v X & Another

A staged robbery of in excess of £1.5 million worth of Cartier jewellery where the "inside man" made a voluntary confession and gave evidence against the defendants pursuant to a SOCPA contract. Scott's client was the only defendant to be found not guilty.

R v W & Others

Multi-handed drugs conspiracy that was, at the time, the largest seizure of cannabis in Metropolitan Police history. Not guilty verdict.

R v V & Others

Defending a juvenile on possession of a sub-machine gun and ammunition with intent to endanger life. Not guilty verdict.

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Business Crime & Financial Services

Scott is instructed for the defence on serious and complex financial crime. He is a skilled defence advocate and is regularly instructed by leading defence solicitors.

He is ranked in both Chambers and Partners UK and The Legal 500 as a leading barrister.

Cases

R v D & Others

Defending in a wide-ranging conspiracy to defraud centred on the entertainment industry. The allegation was that six named Defendants had conspired together, and with others unknown, to sell fake tickets and wristbands for entry into music festivals in England. The conspiracy was alleged to have been operative for a period of six years, with a value of almost £2million. At the close of the Prosecution case, on a submission of no case to answer it was submitted that the indictment alleged an agreement to commit more than one offence. The Judge agreed with the Defence submissions that (i) although a single agreement was charged, it had multiple objectives, (ii) the evidence did not support the Crown's contention that the Defendant was a party to a multiple objective conspiracy, and (iii) there was no evidence the Defendant had attached herself to the wider conspiracy charged in the indictment. The Prosecution appealed the terminating ruling to the Court of Appeal. The Defence successfully resisted the appeal; the Judge's ruling was upheld and the client acquitted.

R v A & Others

A large-scale conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office, and conspiracy to obtain UK passports by deception. This was a sensitive case involving a DWP employee with managerial responsibility working at the heart of a key Government agency. Identity documents were processed and passed to a large number of foreign nationals who were not entitled to hold them; the Defendant was central to the operation.

Accreditations



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Appointments & Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Health & Safety Lawyers Association

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