



## ALEX BAILIN QC

### MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Commercial Law  
Constitutional Law  
Crime and Regulatory Law  
Fraud  
Human Rights and Civil Liberties  
Media and Information Law  
Public Law  
Public and Private International Law

**Called to the Bar** 1995

**Appointed to Silk** 2010

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**With experience in both international criminal law and public international law, Alex frequently works on multi-jurisdictional cases and with different legal systems. He regularly works in large teams involving lawyers from disparate jurisdictions. His international work ranges from commercial arbitration and cross-border corporate investigations to international criminal and human rights law cases. He has been instructed in more than 25 cases in the Supreme Court, House of Lords, Privy Council and European Court of Human Rights. His experience includes US Supreme Court litigation and advising states concerning the International Criminal Court.**

### EXPERIENCE

Alex is ranked by the legal directories in eight areas across criminal and civil law, spanning both public and private law.

He read Mathematics at Cambridge University, was previously a derivatives trader in the City and is a Deputy High Court judge.

Alex's criminal practice frequently involves international and cross-border issues e.g. multi-jurisdictional corporate investigations, extradition, UN sanctions and Interpol Red Notices. He has experience of criminal cases from many diverse jurisdictions e.g. USA, Russia, France, the Channel Islands, Iceland, Greece, the Middle East and a number of Caribbean countries.

His international criminal and public international work includes advising on state immunity and its interaction with the jurisdiction of various domestic and international criminal courts; cases concerning torture, rendition, genocide and other violations of fundamental human rights; issues relating to individual violations of international criminal laws. He has experience of diverse jurisdictions: from US Supreme Court cases to litigation in the Turks & Caicos Islands. He has advised concerning proceedings before the International Criminal Court and has been instructed in cases relating to Darfur and Libya. He has appeared in a number of key domestic cases involving international law issues.

He represents a wide range of bodies and persons: banks, traders, directors, senior business executives, City firms, regulators, prosecuting authorities, professional bodies, multinational corporations, foreign governments, editors, journalists and media organisations.

### RECENT CASES

Acting for majority shareholders (GML Ltd.) and business magnate Leonid Nevzlin in relation to worldwide litigation relating to Yukos Oil Company

Advising Libyan nationals concerning allegations of rendition / torture

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## DIRECTORY RECOMMENDATIONS

### What they say:

"Outstanding in the field of international criminal law"

#### Legal 500 2014 (Public International Law)

"strategic and creative";  
"very charming, intelligent and energetic"

#### Chambers UK 2015 (Financial Crime: Corporates)

"second to none"

#### Chambers UK 2015 (Defamation & Privacy)

"brilliant"

#### Chambers UK 2015 (Human Rights)

"inspires"

#### Legal 500 2014 (Defamation & Privacy)

"excellent"

#### (Legal 500 2014, Admin. & Public Law)

"incredibly bright";  
"frighteningly quick"; "has the flair you need ... to get the ear of the court"

#### Chambers UK 2014 (Human Rights)

"very authoritative"; "totally on top of his brief"

#### Chambers UK 2014 (Admin & Public Law)

"praised for his oral advocacy and strategic foresight"

#### Chambers UK 2014 (Fraud: Criminal)

Representing the media in the Litvinenko Inquiry

Advising in a number of international corporate investigations, including those involving US / UK co-operation

Intervening in the David Miranda (Snowden material) case

### Other Notable Cases include:

**Tchenguiz v SFO:** Commercial Court damages claim and judicial review following investigation into collapse of Kaupthing Bank

**Smith v MoD:** UK Supreme Court case on extra-territoriality of European Convention on Human Rights re UK soldiers operating abroad

**Ahmed v HM Treasury:** UK Supreme Court case on legality of United Nations sanctions

**HH v Italy:** UK Supreme Court, rights of children in extradition cases

**R (Gentle) v Prime Minister:** House of Lords appeal - legality of Iraq war, public inquiry

Judicial review of public inquiry into corruption by MPs and property developers in Turks & Caicos Islands

Advising foreign states re proceedings in the International Criminal Court and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon

Cases in the European Court of Human Rights against various states (e.g. France, Russia, UK) raising criminal and international law issues

Advising the Guardian News Group on publication of WikiLeaks material

**R v Katharine Gun:** Official Secrets Act disclosures re espionage in the United Nations in the run-up to the Iraq war

**GlaxoSmithKline:** criminal investigation in pharmaceutical industry

Representing the Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of Enron Europe Ltd.

Defending Railtrack plc. and its Chief Executive in a corporate manslaughter prosecution

The first new 'double jeopardy' case in the UK, quashing an acquittal

Advising the Chief Justice of Gibraltar

Amicus brief in US Supreme Court on proceedings related to Guantanamo Bay

**The 'Belmarsh Case':** landmark House of Lords appeal on detention without trial of suspected terrorists

A number of Caribbean death row appeals to the Privy Council

## PUBLICATIONS

Contributor to *Human Rights & Criminal Justice*, Emmerson & Ashworth

Contributor to *Fraud*, Montgomery & Ormerod

Contributor to Espionage / Official Secrets chapter of *Blackstone's Criminal Practice*

Articles frequently published in the [legal](#) and [national press](#)

Appeared on BBC News, Sky News, Channel 4 News, Radio 4 Today Programme and Newsnight on a wide range of legal issues

Frequent speaker at international legal conferences e.g. IBA, Transnational Crime (Istanbul, 2014), ABA (UK, 2014), Bar Council (New York, 2013)