



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:

“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)

“brilliant”; “combining in-depth technical knowledge with wholly practical outcomes”

Legal 500 UK 2013 (Defamation & Privacy)

“strong analytical skills”; “innovative”

(Legal 500 UK 2013, Crime)

“smooth”; “noted for his eye for detail”

Legal 500 UK 2013 (Admin. & Public Law)

“attractive, concise and powerful”

Chambers UK 2013 (Human Rights)

“clever and imaginative”

Legal 500 UK 2012 (Media)

“hugely talented”; “known for his great intelligence and worldliness”

Chambers UK 2012 (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:

Tchenguz 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)