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Richard has argued cases before all levels of the courts of England and Wales; from niche matters before the Magistrates' courts to the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom;. He is a joint specialist in grave and financial crime. His practice is chiefly in the Crown Court, but he has also appeared at first instance in the County Court, High Court (both QB and Chancery divisions) and in various tribunals. He has appeared at all levels of the appellate courts.

His practice covers all matters from allegations involving murder, guns, gangs and drugs; to the nuances of obligations under FSMA 2000 and other regulatory & business crime matters (including director's disqualification and financial forfeiture).

He maintains an advisory practice touching on matters from FCA financial regulation, IP, chancery, and employment law to matters of Criminal Appeal, and as a particular specialty, POCA 2002 confiscation and forfeiture.

Before coming to the Bar, he was General Counsel for a multinational digital technology and publishing business; and worked in various roles on the Baha Mousa and Al Sweady Public Inquiries into alleged (and proven) war crimes in Iraq and the Inquest touching upon the death of Alexander Litvinenko.

Richard is Public Access qualified.

For reasons of confidentiality Richard only highlights criminal cases ending in an acquittal nor does he highlight civil or advisory work; this rule does not apply to reported appellate cases as they are publicly available by internet search.

Expertise

Appellate Cases

Notable Appellate Cases cases

R v Andrewes [2022] [2022] UKSC 24; R v Andrewes [2020] EWCA Crim 1055

R v Chamberlin [2017] EWCA Crim 39

Organised Crime

Notable Organised Crime cases

R v Benjamin (Central Criminal Court) 2022 and retrial 2023

Firearms transfer/sale and possession with intent conspiracy from inside HMP Wandsworth, acquittal

R v Zeisz (Liverpool) 2023

Conspiracy firearms/shooting, Encrochat case, first defendant and only one acquitted

R v Pintrijel (Southwark) 2022

Large evasion of duty conspiracy, only defendant acquitted

R v Kerr (Swansea) 2022

Large drugs conspiracy, first defendant and only one acquitted (drugs at the close of the Crowns case, criminal property by the jury)

Murder

Notable Murder cases

R v Freun (Inner London) 2016

Murder, led by Patrick Upward KC, acquitted

Sexual Offences

Notable Sexual Offences cases

R v Hosien (Bradford) 2022

Child sexual offences, acquittal

R v Stark (Luton) 2021

Rape acquittal

Corporate & Financial Crime

Notable Corporate & Financial Crime cases

R v Ben-Shagir (Chelmsford) 2023

Large fraud; acquitted

R v Andrewes (Bristol) 2019

Large NHS fraudulent conspiracy, led by Gordon Ross, for the first defendant, acquitted

Memberships

- Middle Temple
- Criminal Bar Association

Languages

- BPTC, College of Law, 2014

- GDL, University of East Anglia
- (UEA), 2010
- BA (hons) in PPE, UEA, 2009