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Simon Gledhill is a leading defence junior in both the Criminal and Extradition Law.

Simon predominantly defends but does also accept instructions to prosecute on behalf of the CPS and other prosecution authorities. He is appointed to the CPS Advocates Panel at grade 4 and additionally approved to prosecute both Rape and Serious Sexual Assault Cases and Extradition cases.

He is regularly instructed in cases in the Crown Court, High Court and Court of Appeal. His practice sees him frequently (but not exclusively) instructed in cases in which there is an allegation of involvement in organised crime groups.

Simon has significant experience in cases involving allegations of serious financial offences, drug and firearm offences, and conspiracies offences. He has expert knowledge of the Proceeds of Crime legislation in relation to both its criminal and civil aspects.

He receives regular instructions in extradition cases acting for requested persons at both first instance hearings and, where required, High Court appeals. He predominantly appears in Part 2 cases and has acted against governments as diverse as the USA to Nigeria, Singapore to Paraguay.

Simon is both Chambers Secretary and Chair of Chambers Pupillage Committee. He is an approved advocacy trainer for the Middle Temple. He has also written articles published in the Barrister and New Law Journal, and regularly gives lectures on both Criminal and Extradition Law topics.

In the last 12 months Simon has, among others, been instructed in the following cases:

R v T (Central Criminal Court) – defending an attempted murder indictment of an 89 lady by her 89 year old husband

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/orpington-pensioner-attempted-murder-wife-stabbing-court-trial-b1022095.html>

R v S and Others (Hull Crown Court) – prosecuting a multi-handed VAT fraud indictment value at just over £7 million

<https://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/hull-east-yorkshire-news/crooked-hull-boss-wife-jailed-8497593>

R v W (Chester Crown Court) – defending in an attempt murder indictment where the Defendant repeatedly stabbed his own mother

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-66126105>

R v G (St Albans Crown Court) – prosecuting a multi rape indictment where the Defendant groomed the victim on the pretence he was an angel

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-65765273>

R v L (Liverpool Crown Court) – defending in an Operation Venetic (Encrochat) conspiracy to supply firearms and drugs (acting alone) and separate attempted murder indictment (led by Gordon Cole KC)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-66955186.amp>

R v ML (Kingston Crown Court) – defending in an indictment alleging multiple instances of rape

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12372731/Military-boot-camp-fitness-instructor-44-raped-sexually-assaulted-young-schoolteacher-Bumble-date-court-hears.html>

R v N and others (Manchester Crown Court) – defending in an indictment alleging the importation of over 31 kilograms of cocaine

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/newsmanchester/trio-smuggled-31-kilos-of-cocaine-worth-over-1m-through-manchester-airport-in-deconstructed-suitcases/ar-AA14Ndw5#image=1>

## Expertise

### Corporate & Financial Crime

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#### Notable Corporate & Financial Crime cases

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[R v S and Others \(Hull Crown Court\)](#)

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Prosecuting a multi-handed VAT fraud indictment value at just over £7 million

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[Operation Vouch](#)

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Appeared at trial in a conspiracy to launder the proceeds of a multi-million pound Boiler Room fraud.

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### Operation Purple Matar

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Appeared at trial in a high-value conspiracy to defraud a series of solicitors firms through allegedly fraudulent personal injury claims. Following the collapse of trial after two months, case was stayed as an abuse of the courts process (led junior).

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### Operation Forego

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Appeared at trial of multi-count conspiracy to launder the proceeds of crime and fraud offences with a value in excess of £1m (led junior).

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### Operation Satawan

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Appeared at trial in a multi-handed conspiracy to launder the proceeds of crime, following the targeted burglaries of safes from bookmakers' premises around London (led junior).

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### Operation Vittoria

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Represented the Defendant in a multi-handed nationwide conspiracy to steal from parking meters with an alleged value of hundreds of thousands of pounds.

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### R v B

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Appeared at successful application to dismiss in relation to a large-scale online multi-jurisdiction banking fraud.

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## Crime

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### Notable Crime cases

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[Operation Warship](#)

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Represented a defendant in a 13-handed county lines conspiracy to supply Class A drugs to Kent.

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[Operation Hansomil](#)

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Appeared at trial for a defendant indicted in a large-scale conspiracy to supply Class A drugs in Wilshire (leading junior).

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[Operation Averoya](#)

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Appeared at trial for a defendant on a multi-handed conspiracy to import large quantities of cocaine into the UK.

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[Operation Piranda](#)

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Represented a defendant arrested as part of a large-scale police operation targeting drugs gangs operating in north London.

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[Operation Grissino](#)

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Represented a defendant indicted following a test purchase Class A drugs operation targeting alleged gang members in north London.

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R v W

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Appeared at trial in relation to supply of multiple kilograms of cocaine and money laundering offences.

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R v A

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Appeared at trial for a defendant charged with arson with intent to endanger life.

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R v HR and others

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Appeared at trial for the first defendant in a multi-handed allegation of attempted murder.

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Operation Glassford

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Appeared at trial for an alleged revenge attack involving a multi-handed assault on the complainant using machetes, resulting in grievous bodily harm injuries.

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Operation Plougastel

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Appeared at a kidnap, torture (section 18) and blackmail trial.

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R v E

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Appeared at trial in allegation of causing GBH with intent. One patient at Broadmoor allegedly threw boiling water over head of another patient.

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R v H and others

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Appeared at trial for a kidnapping conspiracy involving the alleged false imprisonment and torture of the complainant.

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R v T

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Appeared at trial of a husband accused of wounding with intent by way of carving off his wife's buttock.

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R v H

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Appeared at trial in relation to an allegation of multiple violent rapes by H against his pregnant partner.

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R v M

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Appeared at trial in relation to series of armed robberies of chicken shops in north London.

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R v L and B

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Appeared at trial in relation to allegation of people smuggling.

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R v G

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Appeared at trial in a rape of a professional escort.

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R v J and J

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Appeared at trial for a blackmail. Allegation was entrapment and blackmail of a convicted paedophile.

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R v FC, D, RD and MB

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Appeared at trial for RD on a multi-handed indictment alleging perverting the course of justice relating to the destruction of evidence following a gang murder.

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R v L

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Appeared at trial for alleged historical sexual assaults by father on his daughter.

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## Extradition

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### Notable Extradition cases

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Roach v Singapore [2020] EWHC 229 (Admin) | [2020] 2 WLUK 75 [2020] A.C.D 41.

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Poland v Gumieniczek [2020] EWHC 249 (Admin).

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Romania v Oprean [2018] EWHC 959 (Admin); [2018] 4 WLUK 12.

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Sesinova v Czech Republic [2017] EWHC 2755 (Admin); [2017] 11 WLUK 116.

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Serra v Paraguay [2017] EWHC 2300 (Admin); [2017] 9 WLUK 242; [2017] Lloyd's Rep. F.C. 537; [2017] A.C.D. 122.

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Fox v Belgium [2016] EWHC 3657 (Admin); [2016] 12 WLUK 540.

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Cato and others v Republic of Peru [2016] EWHC 914; [2016] All ER (D) 182.

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Socha v Czech Republic [2016] EWHC 139 (Admin); [2016] All ER (D) 18.

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Zakrewski v Poland [2015] EWHC 3393 (Admin); [2016] 4 WLR 23.

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Kotic v Poland [2015] EWHC 2907 (Admin).

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Blaj and others v Romania [2015] EWHC 1710 (Admin).

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Piotrowicz v Poland [2014] EWHC 388 (Admin).

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## Memberships

- Middle Temple
- Criminal Bar Association
- Head of Pupillage