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Appointments

• Deputy District Judge (Magistrate's Court) since 2006

Memberships

• Criminal Bar Association

Education

• Exeter University (1989) LLB Hons

Beyond the Bar

Member of Board of Trustees of
Shrewsbury House Youth and Community
Centre, Everton

Practice Overview

With over 27 years' experience at the Criminal Bar, Andrew is a highly regarded advocate. A financial crime and fraud specialist, he has considerable experience in cases of corporate, financial and commercial crime, and is predominantly instructed on behalf of the defence. Andrew is instructed by leading law firms and is keen to provide advice from the earliest stages of cases.

He is consistently recognised as a leading white-collar defence junior in both Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 guide since 2013. He is currently ranked Band 2 for Financial Crime in the Chambers and Partners 2021 guide. He is also ranked by Legal 500 2021 as a Band 1 Leading Junior in the practice area Crime.

Andrew has specialised in financial crime since moving to Exchange Chambers in 2008. Since then he has appeared either as a leading junior or as a led junior in some of the largest fraud trials involving pensions, mortgages and banks.

In 2018 Andrew, led by John Jones QC also from Exchange Chambers, secured a six-figure Section 19 costs award against the CPS after a very substantial investment fraud was dropped prior to trial.

Andrew has experience of defending in trials funded by D&O liability insurance.

Alongside his financial crime specialism, Andrew continues to act for individuals charged with serious and organised criminal offences.

Recommendations

“He is a good all-round performer.”

Chambers and Partners 2024

“Andrew is very calm and controlled at all times, which keeps the client focused on the points in issue at all times, and his calm manner of presentation before the jury provides to them a confidence the case he is presenting to them is the account they should accept as a factual one.”

The Legal 500 2024

“Andrew is phenomenal on getting to grips with the work. His written work is exceptional.”

Chambers and Partners 2023

‘Andrew is a very experienced, highly regarded advocate. He has an ability to build a good relationship with the client from the outset and put them at ease ensuring that they then listen to his advice. He meticulously prepares his cases and can get to the very crux of the issues and formulate an approach early on in a case, ultimately resulting in the best outcome possible for the client.’

The Legal 500 2023

“His attention to detail is second to none and he gets to grips with the case papers very quickly. He is personable and a fantastic team player.” “He’s very diligent and provides sound advice. He’s also excellent at communicating with clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“Andrew is very well-organised and has a good manner with clients. Andrew is capable of picking up cases with a large volume of paperwork and presenting them to a jury in an understandable way, demonstrating a clear understanding of the relevant issues.”

The Legal 500 2022

“Andrew is the consummate professional in his conduct with both solicitors and clients. He is an extremely experienced criminal defence barrister who is calm, patient and more importantly committed to providing the highest level of advice and support.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“An exceptional advocate who commands presence in the courtroom – and his ability to establish respect from demanding clients is truly remarkable.”

The Legal 500 2021

“He is absolutely superb in his advocacy and his preparation.”

“He is really calm and he radiates integrity. Judges and clients like him, and he’s very able and quick-thinking. His written work is excellent as well.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“His submissions are always lucid, logical and well-developed.”

The Legal 500 2020

“He’s very, very good; he always knows what the recent cases are and what the new laws are going to be and how to deploy that knowledge for clients.”

“His strengths are his calmness under pressure, forensic analysis and case preparation.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“He has expertise in cases involving financial crime.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“He is very experienced, a very safe pair of hands and has a real substance to his practice.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“He has great instincts and is level-headed in a tight spot.”

The Legal 500 2017

“He is exceptionally good. He is very organised and has extremely good judgement.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

Cases

2023 - R v David Lloyd & others (Op Ostrich)

I defended one of 7 defendants accused of defrauding HMRC of a sum more than £4m. Acquitted after trial.

2022 – R v ESE Group Limited and Others

I am acting for one of the defendants being prosecuted by West Berkshire Trading Standards on allegations of fraud, fraudulent trading and engaging in unfair commercial practices. This matter is currently listed for trial at Reading Crown Court in September 2022.

2020/2021 – R v Christopher Renshaw and others

Acting for East Midlands businessman who is accused, along with his wife and their builder, of seeking to evade VAT of £173k by fabricating and submitting false invoices for building work done at their properties. The trial was due in April 2020 at Derby Crown Court but due to COVID-19 it is now set for May 2021.

2021 – Operation Paratrooper

Representing one of the defendants being prosecuted by the Specialist Fraud Division of the CPS who is accused of benefit fraud and money laundering amounting to over £1.7 million. Due to Covid this trial has been adjourned until early 2022.

2021 – Northamptonshire CC v E.Asthampton Limited, Joseph Ryan and others

Currently representing client who is director at E.Asthampton Limited, which specialises in claims for compensation for delayed and cancelled flights. Client is alleged to be involved in defrauding the company’s customers. Due to Covid this matter is now listed for trial at Northampton Crown Court in September 2021.

2019/2020 – Operation Hamster

Currently representing a solicitor accused of being involved in a “property takeover fraud” in which attempts were made to sell a number of high-value houses in London to innocent victims without the knowledge of the genuine owners.

2018/2019 – Operation Rossi

Represented one of the defendants in this ticketing fraud based at a commercial bus company in North Wales which caused significant losses to the Welsh Assembly which had underwritten the ticketing scheme.

2018 – R v PD & others

Represented the main defendant facing allegations of fraud, fraudulent trading and money laundering. The defendant set up and ran a publishing business which purported to publish magazines linked to the Emergency Services. Large numbers of owners of small businesses were persuaded to purchase advertising in these magazines but the magazines were never published. Approximately £1.5m was obtained by the defendants.

2016/2017 – R v Cumiskey (& Others)

This case was prosecuted by the SFO and involved a fraud on two banks with losses totalling £159m, only £17m of which was recovered. The case involved the fraudulent assignment of a large number of contracts to the banks on the basis of which the banks lent out the £159m. The defendant we represented was the Finance Director of one of the two companies which assigned the contracts. He was said to be at the heart of the fraud. This case was partly funded through a D&O insurance policy.

2016/2018 – Operation Lunar

Represented former HMRC officer alleged to be involved in tax evasion schemes (so called Section 132 Schemes) based around films, videogames, digital software and pharmaceutical products for high net-worth individuals causing an alleged loss to HMRC of approximately £150m. This case was funded through a D&O insurance policy. The case against all defendants collapsed as a result of defence legal arguments.

2015/2016 – R v C

Successfully defended client accused of £2m money laundering

2015/2016 – Operation Affleck

Represented Defendant in £3.5m Land Banking fraud

2015/2016 – Operation Alveras

Represented Defendant in £11m money laundering scheme – confiscation proceedings were eventually abandoned against him

2013/2014 – Operation Cactus Hent

Represented main Defendant in multi-million pound alleged pension fraud – all defendants acquitted at the close of the Crown’s case – ruling upheld after unsuccessful appeal by the Prosecution – now reported as *R v Quillan [2015] EWCA Crim 538*