

Richard Littler QC

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Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
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Education

- LLB Manchester University
- Inn: Grays

Beyond the Bar

Richard plays the guitar and sings in the chamber's band "Red Corner" - a charity band.

Overview

Richard defends in the most serious and high-profile cases and is a specialist in complex document heavy cases including fraud, murder and international terrorism. He is widely known for his appellate practice.

He is highly regarded and approachable with excellent judgment and strong leadership qualities.

Historically Richard has defended in well-known reported cases such as *R v Rainzeib Ahmed & Habib Ahmed*, the first prosecution in the UK alleging membership of Al Qaeda and attending terrorist training camps in Pakistan. He defended in *R v Stringer* (now reported) which was a significant pre-Jogee joint enterprise murder authority. In *R v Jonathan Hirst (2018) Operation Lunar*, Richard successfully dismissed a £184 million tax scheme fraud attracting national press interest.

Recommendations

“His preparation, attention to detail and advocacy is first rate.”

Alan Greenidge, Slater & Gordon

“We regularly instruct Richard to deal with our complex and document intensive cases. He is what we want from a Barrister. Richard is approachable, decisive and hard-working who makes clear-cut decisions based on instinct, experience and knowledge with a calm and influential manner in Court.”

Senior Partner, leading national law firm

“I have known and instructed Richard for at least 10 years. He is an exceptional Lawyer. He prepares his cases thoroughly, is fully committed to his clients and has a deep understanding of the law. His advocacy is precise and persuasive. I am confident that we will continue to instruct Richard for many years to come.”

His Honour Judge Potter

“He has appeared in front of me as an advocate. He is an exceptionally good analytical lawyer, a rare breed these days. He brings a clear and constructive approach to difficult legal issues.”

His Honour Graham Woods QC

“Richard is a natural advocate.”

Stephen Meadowcroft QC

Cases

Notable cases in 2019 include defending in a high profile Organised Crime Conspiracy to Murder (*R v T & others*), defending the murder of a man from Sale who was stabbed following an argument outside his home (*R v P*) and acting in a sizeable Trading Standards matter.

In the last three years he has acted in the following cases:

R v Mathew Moseley (2018) – defendant was alleged to have shot dead the deceased at his front door and sought to blame his son (national media interest). [Link to coverage.](#)

R v Chapman (2016) - defending a conspiracy to murder (tracking devices planted on deceased's car enabled them to follow and shoot him). This was the largest digital evidence investigation in UK history. [Link to coverage.](#)

R v Shaker (2017) - defending the first Syrian asylum seeker charged with terrorism in UK attracting international media attention and the first s.1 Terrorism Act 2006 case. [Link to coverage.](#)

R v Farah (2016-2017) - defending international terrorism at the Old Bailey where a schoolboy defendant was assisting ISIS/Al Shabab whilst living with cousins, the infamous British Jihadi Terror Twins. [Link to coverage.](#)

R v Osborn (2016) - conducted a double attempted murder/GBH similar fact ligature strangulation trial. [Link to coverage.](#)

R v Hussain (2017) - defending a mentally ill law student preparing "lone wolf" acid/bomb terrorist attack and possessing the same bomb making manual as the Boston bomber.

R v Ford (2017) - a 3-month gangland conspiracy to murder trial and a connection between the deceased and the Manchester Arena bomber reported heavily in media.

R v Walker (2016) - leading the defence for a Surveyor in a 6-month £60m mortgage fraud trial. National media attention as fraud caused house price increase in Wales in 2009. Cut throat defence run fearlessly and his professional client was the only acquittal of 18 accused.

R v Maidment (2017) - defendant who stabbed his victim 30 times after release from prison for another murder. [Link to coverage.](#)

R v Iqbal (2017) - defending a Solicitor alleged to have falsified PI claims in a document heavy conspiracy to defraud trial, submitting false invoices for medical treatment from non-existent companies.

R v Martin (2016) - defending £5m publishing fraud conspiracy trial lasting 4 months.