

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 is a silk involved in serious/high-profile cases, both in the criminal and regulatory/inquest arena.

Historically defended significant reported cases such as R v Rainzeib Ahmed & Habib Ahmed, the first prosecution in the UK alleging membership of Al Qaeda, successfully defended R v Farah in 2017 at the Old Bailey charged with international terrorism connected to the Jihadi Twins, and R v R v Stringer, defended a significant pre - Jogee joint enterprise murder case.

He secured acquittals for murder in the case of R v Chapman (2017); in the Paul Massey Salford shooting trial (2019); in a high profile stabbing murder trial of Denver Walton 2019.

In 2018 he dismissed largest HMRC case in legal history (£134m film scheme fraud).

He continues to defend the now worldwide reported defendant Reynhard Sinaga, the most prolific sex offender in legal history, a case attracting international interest and influencing Government policy on the classification of GHB. Richard conducted all four Crown Court trials and dealt with all Appellate matters successfully.

Now representing Mark Peers, a Defendant in Trial One in R v Green and Others [2020-2022] in what the BBC reported as the "UK's biggest ever drug conspiracy" concerning the multi kilo importation of controlled drugs in vast quantities from the European continent into the UK. The Trial is expected to last 7 months.

Now representing the main Defendant in R v Frankel and Others [2021-22] the largest Money Laundering prosecution in UK legal history attracting much interest as the FCA have now accused NatWest

(the bank used by the Defendant) of failing to monitor suspect activity by a client that deposited about £365m in its accounts over five years, of which £264m was in cash.

In 2020 Richard was instructed by the Special Crime and Counter Terrorism Division of the CPS in a complex Appeal Conviction concerning a high profile execution murder in Liverpool. Richard successfully argued against the conviction being unsafe due to a suggested Gateway F bad character misdirection [R v Gabbana 2020].

In 2020-2021 Richard represented two directors in two companies in a Trading Standards Prosecution multi-million pound Fraudulent Trading case alleging both Directors were complicit in misleading consumers nationally in the Bi-Fold doors industry. Both were acquitted of all charges brought [R v Green and Warren].

Richard specialises in defending police officers up to and including the rank of Super-Intendant both in the Crown Court but also before their disciplinary bodies. Richard has also defended others recently before GMC and Football Association Disciplinary Panels.

Recommendations

“An exceptionally bright QC.”

“He is a brilliant advocate with an excellent manner with clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“Richard Littler QC is another stand-out name and displays expertise in cases involving terrorism, organised crime and fraud.”

The Legal 500 2022

“A leading advocate in the criminal and regulatory arena.”

“His broad practice includes cases of serious violence and terrorism.”

The Legal 500 2021

“His broad practice includes cases of serious violence and terrorism.”

The Legal 500 2020

“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

“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.