

Adrian Farrow

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Appointments

- Registered Pupil Supervisor
- Assistant Coroner

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Law Society (admitted as Solicitor 1985)
- Health and Safety Lawyers Association
- The Coroner's Society of England and Wales

Education

- Leicester University LLB (Hons) 1981
- College of Law (Chester) 1982
- Inn: Middle Temple (1997)

Motoring & Vehicle Crime CV

Overview

Adrian has been an exclusively criminal practitioner since 1988. He began his legal life as a solicitor before becoming a barrister in 1997. His practice benefits from a good mixture of both prosecution and defence work in fatal and other serious road traffic cases, which brings with it a balanced but incisive approach.

The sensitivity and specialised nature of this work requires not only in-depth knowledge of the law, but in addition, the ability to deal with practical issues and technical expert evidence, whilst maintaining an appropriate and sympathetic professional approach to client and bereaved families alike. These are all areas of strength for Adrian.

With a reputation for hard work, thorough preparation and effective advocacy, Adrian is always in demand as an approachable criminal practitioner in chambers. He is strategically aware and has a clear, calm manner in what are often hugely complex cases. He effortlessly combines intellect with insight to bring rarely seen detail to his cases.

A motoring enthusiast - an advanced driver, with practical experience of a wide range of vehicles including motorcycles, performance cars and commercial vehicles as well as high-speed track, and off-road road driving, Adrian is the President of the Manchester Group of RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders and drives a classic Porsche.

He is regularly instructed in vehicle-related cases, including frauds, car-ringing and trading standards prosecutions.

Adrian accepts motoring appeal work in the Crown Court instructed by solicitors.

Recommendations

“He is exhausting to be against because he is so good and ahead of the game.” “Fine attention to detail.” “Has a very appealing style in court and is very conscientious.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“His strategy is always very carefully considered and his judgement is trusted by the judiciary. His knowledge of the field is second to none, and he puts complex arguments in an attractive and comprehensible fashion.” “Absolutely outstanding - he’s meticulous in his preparation and so hard-working.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“You can trust him with serious and complex cases.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“Adrian is very experienced and a particularly good prosecutor who can handle a multitude of work. You know you’re in for a tough yet courteous fight against Adrian.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“He has brilliant judgement and is very measured.” “He is hard-working, has a good eye for detail and a careful, meticulous approach.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“He prosecutes a lot of multi-handed cases. He does so much preparation and can really marshal large amounts of data.” “As a former solicitor, his superior knowledge shows in this area. He is superbly detailed in his approach to cases and gives very clear, cogent advice at the right time.”

Chambers and Partners 2016

Recognised particularly for his specialism in undertaking multi-handed fraud cases brought by local authorities. His practice also encompasses regulatory work.

Expertise: “He is extraordinarily bright.”

Chambers and Partners 2014

“Past work includes fatal accidents and breaches of health and safety regulations.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“Prosecutes and defends in a range of health and safety matters.”

The Legal 500 2017

Cases

R v O'Reilly – death by careless driving - successful defence of driver in complex accident involving 2 pedestrians

R v Rosevere – death by dangerous driving by a man with a previous conviction for causing death by reckless driving

R v Sosinsi – financial penalty for dangerous driving (130mph+ on A-roads in a Porsche, followed by police motorcyclist)

R v Jakpa – provisional licence holder causing death of 4-year old child pedestrian by dangerous driving

R v Crennigan – car sales without Consumer Credit Licence and with false odometer readings (trading standards prosecution)

R v Ali – unlawful export of high-value Mercedes cars (prosecution by Department of Business, Innovation and Skills)

R v Wright – death by dangerous driving where the death was caused by stress, not collision

R v Lawrence – death by careless driving involving a cyclist and a HGV

R v Walsh – HGV driver causing death by dangerous driving after falling asleep at the wheel on the motorway.