


Angus MacDonald



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Appointments

- CPS Specialist Panel Advocate for General Crime – Grade 4
- CPS Specialist Panel Advocate for Serious Crime – Grade 4
- CPS Specialist Panel Advocate for Fraud – Grade 4
- CPS Specialist Panel Advocate for Counter-Terrorism – Grade 3
- Serious Fraud Office Advocate – Panel B

Fraud

Angus is a specialist in prosecuting and defending complex cases involving financial crime. He is regularly instructed in cases pre-charge and is currently working on several large cases which will be charged in the near future. He has previously been instructed in cases involving allegations of conspiracies to defraud, bribe and commit revenue fraud. He has also prosecuted cases involving sophisticated international money laundering. Angus has extensive experience of managing large-scale disclosure exercises.

Notable cases

R v D & Others – Prosecuting (led by Andrew Haslam KC) a multi-handed conspiracy to launder criminal property.

R v Wheelhouse – Prosecuted (led by Simon Kealey KC) a defendant charged with conspiracies to cheat the public revenue.

DPA – Entain PLC – Part of the prosecution team who secured the first ever deferred prosecution agreement involving the Crown Prosecution Service. The conduct which is the subject of the agreement relates to the alleged failure of GVC to prevent bribery between July 2011 and December 2017. The alleged bribery occurred primarily in Turkey. Entain PLC agreed to pay a financial penalty totaling £585 million, to make a charitable donation of £20 million and pay a contribution of £10 million to the costs incurred both by the Crown Prosecution Service and HMRC.

R v Brabbs & Others – Prosecuted (leading Jessica Heggie) 17 defendants charged with a conspiracy to cheat the public revenue in the North-East of England. The fraud targeted the self-assessment tax system and allowed the defendants to secure fraudulent repayments which amounted globally to over £1.1 million.

R v H & Others – Prosecuted (led by Sam Green KC) two defendants charged with cheating the public revenue. The defendants successfully evaded tax of £3.2 million relating to the sale of land and a fraudulent attempt to evade the subsequent tax liability.

R v C & Others – Prosecuted (leading George Hazel-Owram) five defendants charged with a sophisticated conspiracy to cheat the public revenue amounting to nearly £100,000.

R v M & Others – Prosecuted (leading George Hazel-Owram) several defendants charged with fraudulent trading and copyright offences by West Yorkshire Trading Standards.

R v Miller & Others – Prosecuted (leading Ayman Khokhar) four defendants charged with the fraudulent evasion of both VAT and income tax. The overall quantum of the offending amounted to just under £5 million.

R v Hirst & Others – Prosecuted (alone) multiple defendants charged with the fraudulent evasion of VAT.

R v W & Others – Prosecuted (led by Jane Bewsey KC and Hal Watson) Operation Tarlac. Operation Tarlac involved prosecuting, across three trials, defendants charged with a sophisticated and complex diversion fraud which targeted public and private institutions across the United Kingdom. The institutions targeted included NHS Trusts, public schools and local authorities.

R v K & Others – Defended (led by Jeremy Barnett) a defendant charged for his part in a conspiracy to defraud investors.

R v Omran & Others – Prosecuted three defendants charged with a conspiracy to defraud corporate client accounts and innocent third parties.

R v Bainbridge & Others – Prosecuted (led by Andrew Haslam KC) four defendants, across two trials, charged with frauds committed against both HMRC and various development agencies in the North-East of England.

R v Omar & Others – Defended (led by Jeremy Barnett) a defendant charged with a mortgage fraud committed against multiple financial institutions.

Recommendations

“Angus is a well-prepared prosecutor and tenacious but also sensible and reasonable. He is liked and respected by his opponents, judges and juries.” **The Legal 500 2025 – Crime (General and Fraud)**

“He is completely unflappable – a calm and effective presence in any trial. Judges and jurors regard him as a voice of reason” – **The Legal 500 2024 – Crime (General and Fraud)**

“Angus MacDonald’s attention to detail means he is an excellent prosecutor.” – **The Legal 500 2024 – Crime (General and Fraud)**

“Angus has an astute mind and a warm, engaging advocacy style that puts juries at ease. He is tenacious and determined.” **The Legal 500 2023 – Crime (General and Fraud)**

“Angus is a tenacious and determined advocate. His attention to detail is unsurpassed. He expresses himself in a succinct and measured way. His judgement is sound.” – **The Legal 500 2022 – Crime (General and Fraud)**

Beyond the Bar

Angus loves playing and watching all forms of sport. When he is not playing or watching sport, he spends time running round after his baby daughter.