



Aron Rollin

Year of Call: 2004



**** Recommended in Chambers and Partners ****

An experienced junior with an increasingly diverse practice. Aron practices in public law and in all areas of criminal defence. He is regularly instructed to represent in some of the country's most high profile cases.

He represents and advises in a range of inquest matters. He was recently instructed for the family in the inquest of Jeremiah Duggan. This was a complex inquest which involved the tragic death of a young student who had attended a conference in Germany. The matter received ongoing national and international coverage. Aron also has experience in actions against the police, mental health and SEN cases.

He has significant experience in all areas of criminal defence with a particular expertise in major fraud and appellate work. He is regularly instructed to represent in some of the country's most high profile cases. Aron was instructed to represent James Weatherup, one of the News of the World journalists charged as part of the main phone hacking trial. He also previously represented one of the only two Defendants acquitted in the Oxford grooming case.

He is increasingly instructed to represent those charged with large-scale financial crimes, including defending in the largest ever DWP prosecution, and those facing complex Proceeds of Crime applications. He is also regularly instructed in customs and excise prosecutions, especially drug importation and people smuggling cases, including Britain's biggest Cannabis importation.

Aron has developed a discrete practice advising on potential appeals against sentence and conviction for full range of cases, including murder, serious sexual and violence offences as well as fraud offences and has a track record of successful representation in the Court of Appeal.

Aron has previously worked extensively in Consumer Protection and Trading Standards. He has acted as defence and prosecution counsel. He previously advised local councils as to the merits of these prosecutions, the manner of prosecutions and the evidential burdens to be met when such prosecutions are undertaken.

Prior to joining Chambers Aron worked for NGOs advising on aspects of International Human Rights and International Criminal Law. He has worked, lectured and advised in both areas all over the world.

General Crime

Broad experience defending in a full range of violence offences, regulatory offences, burglaries and counterfeiting and copyright offences.

R v Brooks & Ors, Southwark CC. Led by Charles Bott QC and instructed to represent James Weatherup one of the News of the World journalists charged as part of the main phone hacking trial.

R v C, CCC, representing a Sun journalist arrested as part of Operation Elveden

R v Kraik, Leeds CC, representing driver charged as part of Operation Pallhill murder investigation

R v A, CCC, junior counsel in team representing one of those charged as part of Operation Bullfinch, the Oxford grooming case. One of only 2 Defendants acquitted.

R v D & Ors, Reading CC. These were the main proceedings arising from Operation Gresham which was a specialist 6 month, multi-force, operation into alleged organised thefts and disposal of high value vehicles. Successfully argued that conspiracy was inappropriate in this case.

Specialisation in the representation of football fans accused of being involved in large scale public order offences. This includes successful representation an alleged ringleader accused of organising one of the largest 'football riots' of recent years.

Fraud and Financial Crime

Regularly instructed in all kinds of fraud work, especially large carousel frauds. Recently completed a major MTIC case in Manchester and large 'boiler-room' fraud in Harrow. Upcoming cases include two serious and complex multi-defendant fraud cases in Reading and Liverpool.

Has a particular expertise in disclosure as it relates to fraud and has regularly advised on this issue.

R v M, Southwark CC [2012]. Instructed for third Defendant in £31 million money laundering trial.

R v Brooks, Southwark CC [2012] . Widely reported benefit fraud. Represented the first defendant in 2-month trial relating to allegations of millions taken from DWP's Access to Work scheme. This was the largest ever [by volume of paperwork] DWP trial.

R v D, Liverpool CC, [2012]. Junior Counsel for defendant charged in several ongoing MTIC investigations and prosecutions. Trials in these operations to run throughout 2011, 2012 and 2013.

R v Tailor, Manchester CC [2010]. Junior Counsel for main organiser in large MTIC prosecution.

Organised Crime

Very experienced in all areas of customs and excise cases, especially drug importation and people smuggling cases and the biggest Cannabis importation in British history. Has been instructed in numerous SOCA cases and since the inception of SOCPA agreements has represented the interests of those who have sought the protection of such agreements.

R v L, Maidstone CC, representing alleged lead organiser in National Crime Agency biggest current drug prosecution.

R v Suchy & Ors; Woolwich CC, represented one of those charged in the test case for Metropolitan Police's new people smuggling task force. Instructed to represent in upcoming linked matters.

R v. McDonald & Ors, Birmingham CC [2008]. Junior Counsel in largest ever conspiracy to import cannabis into UK; more than 80 tonnes imported using commercial shipping companies. Prosecution relied largely upon transcripts of overseas mobile telephone conversations.

R v Morris, Maidstone CC [2010]. Represented prison officer charged as part of largest ever investigation of smuggling of drugs into British prisons. Case widely reported.

Appeals and CCRC

Has established a large discrete practice area advising in relation to potential appeals against sentence and conviction on a full range of cases, including murder, serious sexual and violence offences and fraud offences. Advice has been given on renewed and fresh evidence appeals to the Court of Appeal and fresh evidence appeals to the CCRC.

Confiscation, Civil Recovery and Asset Forfeiture

Increasingly instructed to deal with complex Proceeds of Crime Act matters. This includes an upcoming multi-million pound contested hearing scheduled to run for 4 weeks. This matter has been delayed to await the Supreme Courts ruling in Ahmad and will be the first major hearing to apply the new guidance.

International Criminal Law

Previously employed as lawyer in NGOs specialising in International Human Rights and International Criminal Law. Has an MSc in International Human Rights law. Researcher for the Blackstones Guide to Human Rights. Part of the team that researched and advised on the constitution for the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Has worked on several important Privy Council cases including an appeal from Jamaica on behalf of two young men who had gone on a high profile 'killing spree'. Has worked on death penalty cases in Africa and America and has lectured in both countries, and in the UK, on death penalty issues.

Military Law

Has a detailed knowledge of military law and procedures and has previously been instructed on behalf of soldiers facing a range of charges.

Has frequently represented soldiers who have been tried in civilian courts.

R v C and Ors, Maidstone CC [2009]. Represented a colour sergeant who was one of a number of soldiers charged with stealing explosives and supplying them to Scottish criminal gangs. Supervised client giving evidence on behalf of Crown and secured 66% reduction as against sentences of other conspirators. This case was reported extensively in the national press and online.

Terrorism

Having advised NGOs on the human rights implications of terrorism legislation and co-authored the Human Rights Watch response to changes in domestic terrorism law, now utilises his expertise on behalf of his clients in allegations of terrorism.

Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter

Experienced junior in murder, including the high profile retrial of Sion Jenkins: see R v Sion Jenkins, Central Criminal Court.

R v DM, Isleworth CC [2012]; Instructed in successful defence in high-profile manslaughter. Defendant was one of 2 young men accused of chasing deceased onto railway tracks as part of alleged attempted robbery. Case raised complicated questions regarding causation that went onto to form basis for successful half time submission.