



Richard Furlong

Year of Call: 1994



Mixed criminal and civil practice. A particular interest in fraud, corruption and money laundering.

Recommended as a leader in criminal fraud in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500:

"sound advice with a practical approach and impressive grasp of complex financial issues"

"his past experience as an investment analyst stands him in good stead in the fraud arena"

"He's very strong internationally, is very clever and is one of those barristers who doesn't seem to sleep".

"very knowledgeable and impressive".

"A man very much with his wits about him".

"A succinct advocate who bring his previous experience to the table".

Articles & Publications

Co-author with Paul Hynes QC & Nathaniel Rudolf of *International Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing – a UK Perspective*, published by Sweet & Maxwell.

Co-author with Joanne Kane of Bribery Act materials for (subscription based) LexisPSL website. Link here: <https://www.lexisnexis.com/uk/lexispsl/signOn.faces>

Professional Memberships

CBA, Fraud Lawyers Association, Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association, Financial Services Lawyers Association, South Eastern circuit.

Languages

Fluent French.
Conversational German.

MA (Cantab)
Credit Lyonnais Securities – Investment analyst, financial services sector (1986 – 1992)

Available for public access cases.

Fraud and Financial Crime

R v SW – Instructed on behalf of senior business executive charged in relation to major intercontinental corruption investigation by SFO relating to Unaoil.

R v DPG – High profile prosecution in relation to unlawful lending and breaches of the Financial Services and Markets Act brought by Financial Conduct Authority.

R v HE – Multi-million pound international boiler room conspiracy prosecuted by Financial Conduct Authority.

R v DC – Defending allegations of VAT cheat and Companies Act offences brought by HMRC and Trading Standards relating to the supply of diesel, biodiesel and kerosene in Sussex. Ongoing.

R v NM – Defending in high profile 12 handed allegation of conspiracy to defraud and rob vulnerable elderly people in their homes.

R v RC - Defending in test case (first of more than 600 anticipated) brought by HMRC relating to participation by taxpayer in contracts for difference capital gains tax scheme. Defendant acquitted on application to dismiss.

R v MA & others – Alleged conspiracy to defraud investors and HMRC in relation to self-invested personal pensions. High profile and technically complex allegations involving purported loss of up to £14m. Client acquitted on submission of no case.

In re X – Advising head of African division of international resources conglomerate in relation to fraud and corruption. SFO investigation. Pre-charge and ongoing.

R v JW – Leading junior in VHCC alleging the laundering of the proceeds of a multi-million pound bank theft. Client acquitted.

Organised Crime:

Has been instructed in a number of high page count drugs cases in the last two to three years:

R v Brian Kingsnorth (Northampton CC) 19-handed conspiracy to supply class A drugs;

R v Thenveer Hussein (Sheffield CC) 7-handed conspiracy to supply class A;

R v Andrew Antoniou (Lewes CC) 13-handed conspiracy to supply class A;

R v Hassan Malik (Birmingham CC) 19-handed conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

General Crime:

R v MHM – Instructed as led junior to represent man accused of membership of IS and preparation of terrorist acts. Very high profile case.

R v RP – D accused of two counts of gross negligence manslaughter arising out of incident in warehouse of fireworks company of which he was director. High profile case.

R v SS – D accused of night-time sexual assault and attempted murder of stranger whom he followed on to and off a bus. Junior alone.

Confiscation, Civil Recovery and Asset Forfeiture:

R v JM – Assigned counsel in appeal in relation to errors made by counsel during confiscation proceedings. Reported.

R v CBF – Assigned counsel in appeal against confiscation order for defendant convicted of conspiracy to defraud. Case reported twice in relation to different aspects.

R v JM – Appeal on issue relating to interplay between section 22 and fresh confiscation proceedings. Judgment reserved.

Private prosecutions

R v FB, AB & HS – Instructed to prosecute three former executives of French company for a series of frauds on the company in excess of £1m.

R v RC & SW – Instructed to prosecute two former executives of Saudi based conglomerate in relation to a series of frauds on the company.

Instructed to prosecute offences under the Hunting Act 2004 by various NGO's including **League Against Cruel Sports, RSPCA and IFAW**.