



Prosecuting and defending in serious criminal cases including commercial fraud and terrorism.

Alan Conrad QC took Silk in 1999. Both before and since then he has appeared in many of the most serious, complex and high profile cases on a regular basis. He has defended and prosecuted many murders turning on particularly complex medical issues.

His practise has always included a large amount of fraud work for both Prosecution and Defence. These have included long firm fraud and fraudulent trading; mortgage fraud (including acting for professional defendants); advance fee fraud; factoring fraud; tax and VAT fraud and DTI cases. Alan is on the Serious Fraud Office list of advocates.

At the time of taking silk he appeared for the Defence in the highly publicised Sharif case in Preston ( the case of a family accused of benefit , insurance and Criminal Injuries Compensation fraud on an unprecedented level.)

Since that case he has appeared in numerous massive fraud cases including a huge computer chip “anti – dumping “ fraud and a corporate finance fraud. He appeared for the defence in both Operation Emersed and operation Shepherd, two huge MTIC/ Carousel frauds which between them ran for 15 months. He has recently conducted a re-trial for one of the Emersed defendants, in this matter he secured an acquittal. His defence speech in the Shepherd case was even praised by the Customs Officer in charge of the investigation!

In addition to appearing in Court in such cases, he has advised professional and lay clients as to the effects of legislation / decided cases and was formerly lecturer to the Commercial Fraud Squad of Greater Manchester Police. He has also lectured for the British Association in Forensic Medicine on presentation of evidence in court. Alan is also a door tenant at St Ives Chambers in Birmingham and is able to undertake Direct Access work.

#### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Recorder (1997)

#### NOTABLE CASES

In respect of work other than fraud he has appeared in some of the gravest and most publicised cases of recent years. In addition there have been many cases of important legal interest. The list includes:

R v Winston Brown (HL) (disclosure)

R v Buckley (CACD) (the leading authority on fingerprint evidence)

R v Richard Madeley (Celebrity charged with theft)

R v Paddy Crerand (ex-Manchester United footballer charged with violence)

R v Topping (Prosecution of a man who murdered his mother)

R v Clarke (Prosecution of psychopathic school teacher who murdered and attempted to murder random victims)

R v Wilks-Wells (Largest cash robbery in Europe at the time)

R v Sharif & others (Large and complex insurance/benefit fraud)

R v Previtali & Others (Sado-masochistic internet love-triangle murder)

Operation Waddington (Drugs conspiracy – largest drug cache in the North West)

R v McNally (Murder of cellmate by man already serving life for murder)

R v Grey & McEwan (Prosecution of horrific case of killing of a baby)

R v Ali (CACD) (Reverse burden of proof/Human Rights Act)

R v “B” (High Profile case of attempted murder by 16 year-old of an 87-year old neighbour)

R v Schaap (Murder by Bank Manager of his wife)

R v Carson (Defence of employee who burnt down a hotel killing 2 residents)

R v Shawcross (Gangland “torture” case)

R v Mariner (Prosecution of child-murderer)

R v Brown (Prosecution of man who murdered his daughter whom he had made pregnant)

Operation Shepherd and Operation Emersed (Defence of 2 huge MTIC frauds)

Operation Iona (Gangland killing of drugs dealer);series of trials spanning 4 years.

R v Connor (Horrific double murder in an arson attack by a family involved in a feud)

R v Skidmore (The H & C disclosure case)

R v Joy & McCaffrey (Successful prosecution in first case of murder where death occurred more than a year and a day after the attack)

R v Brough (Further case of killing outside a year and a day; very complex medical evidence.)

Operation Chamfer (Terrorist fund raising case with important ECHR issues of freedom of religious expression)

R v Mahmood ("Honour" killing by contract team)

R v Donovan ( The Shannon Matthews kidnapping case)

R v Arshid Khan (CACD - Admission of evidence after retirement of jury)

R v Nawaz ( Dreadful killing of man by young friend who stole his identity)

## EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

---

Bury Grammar School  
Brasenose College, Oxford

## PERSONAL

---

### LEISURE

Cricket, reading, cinema, travel, food & drink