

According to the Legal 500 2015, in which he is ranked as a leading Silk in crime: "His written work is of the very highest standard." and that Alistair "offers clear, responsive advice in the most complex situations."

In Chambers and Partners' Guide to the Bar, he is described as "an eloquent, courageous and highly strategic advocate with plenty of energy." He is ranked in band 1 for fraud. The 2013 edition states that he is popular with instructing solicitors for his serious fraud defence work and is "an outstanding lawyer, who is an eloquent, brave and effective advocate and a first-class strategist and tactician."

Alistair's recognised excellence and client care across the spectrum of criminal and criminal related cases has made him an extremely popular choice for clients paying for the costs of their own advice and representation. As he is one of the country's most experienced QCs, it is hardly surprising that his wealth of experience and record of success put him in demand. Clients often ask for details of experience and success in various types of cases and this information can be found on Chambers website but for the purpose of this presentation we have focussed on Health & Safety, Environmental and Food Safety Law.

Alistair has regularly appeared in the biggest cases to come before the courts, ranging from income tax and VAT frauds through to regulatory offences in areas such as Health & Safety, Trading Standards and Environmental prosecutions. He is on the Serious Fraud Office's panels for both fraud and proceeds of crime which makes him, we believe, unique outside London. He has successfully represented, on a privately paying basis, solicitors, company directors and other professionals charged with a multitude of offences as varied as fraud by abuse of trust, corporate manslaughter, money laundering and offences arising from regulatory non compliance. He has successfully challenged both restraint orders and search warrants in relation to cases involving the SFO and SOCA.

Health and Safety (Including Inquests)

R v Beckingham and Barrow - Prosecution in relation to 17 deaths from legionnaires' disease.

R v Ellis - Prosecution of teacher for gross negligence manslaughter of pupil.

R v Fisher - Prosecution of doctor for manslaughter.

R v Hansen Industries - Defence of company in motorway death case.

Defence of company in legionnaires Outbreak.

R v Welsh Water - Prosecution re chlostridium outbreak.

R v Zaman - Defence of restaurant owner in anaphylactic shock gross negligence manslaughter case.

Environmental

R v Beckingham.

R v Welsh Water.

R v Dixon - Waste credits.

R v C.A.W - Cumbria waste contractor defence.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Crime & Financial Regulation

Civil Law

Criminal Law

Inquests

Judicial Review Law

Regulatory

LECTURES

Alistair has lectured all over the world covering an extensive range of subjects including:

Disclosure in Fraud Cases

Proceeds of Crime

A Guide to Fraud Litigation

Bribery and Corruption

How to Avoid Liability for Bribery/Money

Laundering (New Zealand Chamber of Commerce)

Due Diligence for Business: How to Protect your Firm from Criminal Liability (Hong Kong)
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