



# John Harrison Q.C.

Call to the Bar: 1994

Silk Year: 2016

*'Highly regarded for white-collar crime work', 2015*  
*'Particularly experienced in white-collar fraud' 'His practice includes a mix of health and safety cases, inquests and environment-related regulatory work', 2014*  
*'Highlighted for his ability to get to the issues', 2013*  
*'Always well prepared', 2012*  
*'Espies everything, misses nothing; a genuine all-rounder', 2011*  
*'good humoured and approachable', 2009*

John Harrison QC was called to the bar in 1994 and was made Queens Counsel in 2016. John is a criminal law and regulatory specialist. John's practice encompasses all aspects of serious crime and he is particularly well regarded for complex fraud. John is an extremely popular barrister who has earned a reputation of being both a master tactician and an outstanding trial advocate. He is well known for his capability to handle the most complex of cases with a clear, pragmatic approach. John is a particularly popular choice for cases involving substantial factual and legal complexity.

John's approach to cases is based on over 20 year experience of running difficult cases to trial. Although his Chambers are based both on the Northern and North Eastern Circuits he has a national practice. John will undertake substantial cases funded by way of legal aid and will assist private clients in the full spectrum of criminal and regulatory offences at all levels.

John is on the Attorney General's list of prosecution advocates and has undertaken CPS prosecutions throughout his career, as such he has significant experience not only in defending but also the prosecution of both serious crime & regulatory cases.

For further information or to instruct John Harrison QC please contact the Director of Clerking, David Wright.

## Fraud

*R v Patterson – VHCC fraud*

*R v Frisby – VHCC fraud*

*R v Smith – VHCC fraud*

*R v Page – A money laundering allegation stopped at the end of the prosecution case following legal argument based on the case of R v Anwoir & Others. The association mortgage fraud was also stopped following legal argument based on the case of R v Horncastle.*

*R v Bundza – An internet ticketing fraud, involving the Leeds Festival and the V Festival that received significant local publicity.*

*R v Kiani – Conspiracy to defraud and fraudulent trading offences prosecuted by the SFO. Defending a complex asset stripping fraud involving 'white wash' company purchases, inter company loans, and the use of factoring agents.*

*R v Khan – Identity theft conspiracy involving malicious computer hacking, dissemination and sale of stolen credit card account numbers, compromised bank account information, counterfeit currency, counterfeit cheques, and counterfeit identity documents. Defendant involved as a 'moderator' within the 'shadowcrew.com' website. Defending an international conspiracy involving internet theft and fraud.*

*R v Fitzsimmons – Fraudulent Trading and Companies Act offences prosecuted by the DTI. Defending a complex phoenix fraud with a multi-million pound loss to creditors.*

*R v Amin – Diversion fraud with loss to the revenue of over £15m prosecuted by HM R&C.*

*R v Hussain – (MTIC) Leading Junior Counsel. Carousel fraud with loss to the revenue of £6.5m prosecuted by the HM R&C. A successful abuse of process argument led to the quashing of the indictment.*

*R v Parker – Long-term fraud.*

*R v Edmondson – Fraudulent trading.*

*R v Thomson – NHS fraud.*

*R v Day, Meredith and Welsh – 'Donnygate' frauds.*

*'Operation Teddington', R v Elam and Others, CPS HQ – One of the largest criminal prosecutions ever brought in West Yorkshire. Organised criminals were targeted with prosecutions of financial crimes offences.*



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## PRACTICE AREAS

Fraud  
Murder and Serious Violence  
Drugs  
Private Client

## MEMBERSHIPS

Criminal Bar Association  
Town & Country Planning Association  
British Russian Law Association

## EDUCATION

BA (Hons) Law  
LLB (Hons)  
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**HMRC v Smyth** – In monetary terms the largest MTIC fraud prosecution by the HMRC. Defending a company director charged with VAT evasion.

**R v Bent** – Defending in a HMRC prosecution of a multi-handed conspiracy to evade the duty payable on production of importation of excise goods.

**'Operation Riparian', R v Fielding and Others, CPS HQ** – Prosecuted the confiscation proceedings that followed convictions of the defendants in this multi-handed fraud.

## Murder & Manslaughter

John has significant experience in a wide range of Murder cases from multi handed gang related Murders through to single handed cases arising from domestic situations. He has substantial experience of dealing with both complicated bad character arguments and joint enterprise situations. John is known for his skill in forming productive relationships with his clients and his tactical excellence coupled with his outstanding trial advocacy is held in very high esteem by those who instruct him in such matters.

**R v Ansell** – Defence – Complex single handed murder case

**R v Culley** – Defence – Murder of Husband by wife, complex background involving detailed medical and psychological analysis and evidence

**R v Goodall & Others** – Defence – Operation Troop - (defence) – Substantial Moss Side gang related murder involving numerous defendants. Joint enterprise and bad character both major factors in the case

**R v Liam Johnson & Others** – Defence – Conspiracy to murder, two brothers paid to kill complainant, attacked with axe and knife, complex issues witness intimidation & cut throat defences.

**R v Callaghan, Ojengbede & Others** – Defence – Attempted murder, shotgun used, drug turf war, complex factual case with extensive bad character issues.

**R v Barker-Jones & Others** – Defence – Aggravated burglary and double attempted murder, revenge attack on father and son, complex issues as to defendants mental state.

## Drugs Conspiracy

**R v Frazier & Others** – Drug supply conspiracies, defendant with previous conviction for murder, complex legal issues as to bad character and cut throat defences.

**R v Skelhorn & Others** – Drug supply conspiracies and money laundering, ring and bring organisation, complex factual and evidential issues.

## Armed Robbery

**R v Phelan & Others** – Conspiracy to commit armed robberies of public houses, violence used, complex factual and evidential issues.

**R v Johnson** – Sexual offences, defendant undertaking gender reassignment, one of the s.28 YJ&CEA 1999 pilot cases, pre-recorded cross examination.

## Other

**R v Selimnijad** – Rape, young defendant and multiple complainants, factual complexity.



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