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Year of Call: 1992

Silk: 2010



Main Areas of Practice

Crime and Regulatory Law
Civil Actions Against the Police
Human Rights
Public Law

Matthew Ryder specialises in serious and complex criminal matters and their interplay with civil and public law, including human rights and international cross-jurisdictional issues. He is highly regarded for his expertise in all areas of police law including surveillance, production orders, search warrants, arrest and abuse of process as well as freedom of expression and protest.

Matthew often advises at early stages in criminal investigations and civil cases. He is experienced in handling litigation from the pre-charge stage to trial and, if necessary, the appeal stages. He has acted as lead counsel in many complex and highly publicised Crown Court and High Court trials and has been instructed as an advocate in the Court of Appeal, Privy Council, UK Supreme Court, European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Matthew frequently advises not only individuals but companies, directors and non-governmental organisations. He has also been instructed to assist in the mediation of disputes conducted by financial and sporting regulatory authorities.

His work has been widely acclaimed by the leading law directories, who have consistently named him as a leading barrister in his practice areas. He was appointed a Recorder of the Crown Court (part-time judge) in 2009 and Queen's counsel (in relation to both criminal and civil law) in 2010.

His recent work has included representing the family of Ian Tomlinson, the newspaper seller who died at the G20 disturbances in 2009 at his inquest; leading successful appeals of 20 environmental protestors based on the role of an undercover police officer and non-disclosure by the Crown Prosecution Service; and making submissions on behalf of the former Chairman of the Kenyan opposition party in proceedings at The Hague. He was named Times Lawyer of the Week in April 2011 and in the same month was invited to be an independent adviser to the working party on criminal justice policy being chaired by the Shadow Lord Chancellor.

Matthew read law at Cambridge University (LLB Hons) and Columbia University (LLM - criminal law, freedom of expression, and human rights, including working with Index on Censorship). He qualified at the English and New York Bar. He is a co-founder and the criminal law editor of the Supreme Court Blog (UKSCBlog.com) and writes regularly for a number of publications on criminal law and human rights.

Selection of notable cases:

Terrorism and national Security

R v Tharan [2009] - alleged supply of goods to Tamil Tigers by businessmen in Wales; *R v Khyam and others* [2007] - Operation Crevice 'the Fertiliser Bomb plot'; *R v Barot* [2007] - 'the Dirty Bomb plot'; *R v Sharif* [2006] - Tel Aviv suicide bombing; *R v Bourgass and others* [2005] - 'the Ricin Trial'; *AU v Home Secretary* [2009] - Libyan control order cases; *Sihali v Home Secretary* [2007] - Algerian control order case.

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Fraud and complex crime

R v Egley-Turner [2011] - breach of EU trade regulations; *R v Dizaei* [2011] - Appeal of Police commander for alleged misfeasance in public office; *R v Subramaniam* [2010] - £1bn property and banking fraud; *Faisaltext v Greater Manchester Police* [2010] - challenges to search warrants issued during in a multi-million pound criminal investigation; *X v Serious Organised Crime Agency* [2009] - judicial review of search warrants against money exchange businesses. Matthew is currently advising company directors in relation to a FSA investigation; a solicitors' firm in relation to production orders; and is defending a company director in relation to a FSA prosecution relating to transnational insider trading.

Police powers, surveillance, freedom of expression and human rights

Inquest into the death of Ian Tomlinson [2011] - lead counsel for family; *R v Barkshire and others* [2011] - appeals of environmental protestors arising out of conduct of undercover officer; *Faisaltext v Chief Constable of Manchester Police* [2009] - challenge to seizure of privilege documents in relation to search warrants; *Re: A solicitors firm* [2010] - challenge to production order served against solicitors relating to information about former client; *'Naik v Home Secretary* [2010] - challenge to visa revocation based on freedom of expression; *R v Abdullah* [2007] - first prosecution for distributing / promoting terrorism under Terrorism Act 2006.

International

Prosecutor v Ruto, Kosgey and Sang (Kenya Situation I), International Criminal Court - lead counsel for UK team for former chairman of Kenyan opposition party; *Hizb Ut Tahrir v Germany* - European Court of Human Rights; *PH v Deputy Prosecutor of Genoa* (leave granted by Supreme Court July 2011).

Directory Recommendations

Chambers & Partners 2012 ranks Matthew Ryder QC in both Crime and Police Law (Mainly Claimant), describing him as "a good man if you need a solution to a difficult issue; he often has an answer which leads to a successful resolution of the case." He was also noted for his work in the Ian Tomlinson inquest.

Matthew is someone that Chambers & Partners 2011 believes will continue to impress with his "terrific intellect and charm". Sources conclude that "his ability to argue cases in a coherent and persuasive way is second to none."

"An incredible all-rounder. His analysis of the law is spot on and his tactical ability is awesome; he is a master of the trial process" (Chambers & Partners 2010).

Chambers & Partners 2010 recommends Matthew as a leading junior in Police Law: Mainly Claimant and Crime. Legal 500 2009 also recommends Matthew Ryder as a leading junior in Crime, "exemplary in court".

Chambers & Partners 2008/2009 describes Matthew as a leading junior in Police Law: Mainly Claimant and Crime, "an able advocate who brings great depth of experience".

Legal 500 2008 recommend Matthew as a leading junior in Human Rights and Civil Liberties.

Chambers & Partners 2007/2008 recommends Matthew as a leading junior in Police Law: Mainly Claimant "assured performer" and Crime "intellectually brilliant - a high court judge in the making".

Career

New York Bar
Qualified in 1998

LLM
Columbia University,
New York

LLB Hons
Cambridge University

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