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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

Specialises in serious and complex crime. Also focuses on related civil litigation including regulatory matters; claims against the police; public law claims and claims under the Human Rights Act. Has wide experience as a leading advocate in major criminal and civil cases, both at trial and appellate level. Particular expertise in prosecutions under the Terrorism Act 2000; serious fraud; and complex civil challenges in the High Court.

Co-author of Blackstone's Guide to the Serious Crime and Police Act 2005; Emmerson and Ashworth Human Rights and Criminal Justice and has written and lectured extensively on police powers, telephone intercepts, investigatory powers and abuse of process.

Expert in the use of digital technology in the preparation and presentation of complex trials. He has provided advisory assistance on proposed legislation to the Bar Council (witness anonymity); Inquest (secret inquest provisions) and the World Wildlife Fund (closing loopholes in animal trafficking legislation).

His clients have ranged from those accused of the most serious terrorist offences, to large corporations challenging investigations against them, Spanish fishing companies accused of breaching EU quotas and police officers charged with serious misconduct.

Criminal trials and civil claims

R v Tarmohamed and others (2007)
'The New York Banks Case'

Najeib v Lee Bowyer (2006)
Civil claim against premiership footballer

Regina v Garcia and others (2006)
'The Fertiliser Case'

R v Sihali and others (2005)
'The Ricin Poison Case'

R v Sharif and others (2004)
Prosecution of relatives of suicide bomber

Borg and Walters v Chief Constable of South Wales (2004)
Civil claim brought by 'Butetown 2' after expose by Channel 4 news

John and others v Home Office (2000 - 2004)
Claims brought by numerous inmates relating to serious misfeasance at Wormwood Scrubs prison.

R v Sacki and others (2003)
Multi-million pound money laundering prosecution and VAT fraud

R v McCormack and others (2003)
'The BBC bombing case'

R v Regan, Chambers and others (2002)
Prosecution by Serious Fraud Office of senior company executives

R v Macdonald and others (2002)
Prosecution of Irish Republicans for purchase of arms in Slovakia

Hussain and Livingstone v Lancashire Constabulary (2002) Civil claim alleging negligence by police in permitting several years of attacks on claimants

Neville and Doreen Lawrence v Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis (1999 - 2002)
Civil claim brought by parents of murdered teenager, Stephen Lawrence

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Recent Reported cases

R v Tharan and others (2009) - leading counsel

Prosecution of Welsh engineer for assisting a terrorist organization

AU v Secretary of State for the Home Department (2009)- leading counsel

Judicial Review of control orders for Libyan nationals

R v A and S (2008) - leading counsel

First prosecution under Part III of RIPA (notice to provide computer encryption codes)

R v Clay (2008) - leading counsel

Prosecution of ex-police officer for sex offences

R v Elasmr and others - leading counsel

'The Soldier Kidnap Plot'

R v Abdullah and others (2007) - leading counsel

First prosecution under Terrorism Act 2006 for encouraging terrorism.

Regina v Khyam and others (2008) - leading counsel

'Operation Crevice - The Fertiliser Bomb Case'

Directory recommendations

Chambers and Partners 2010 recommends Matthew Ryder 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 Ryder 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 Ryder as a leading junior in Human Rights and Civil Liberties.

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

Legal 500 2007 recommends Matthew Ryder as a leading junior in Civil Liberties and Human Rights.

Ranked as a Leading Junior in Crime, in Human Rights, and in Police Law: Mainly Claimant - joint 1st: Matthew Ryder was described as "an exemplary junior" with "an impressive depth of knowledge on all aspects of police law." "An excellent advocate who works hard and has the tenacity to pull out results," he was universally commended' (Chambers & Partners - 2006).

Recommended as a Leading Junior in Civil Liberties and Human Rights: '[a] strong favourite with clients' (Legal 500 - 2005). Joint top Leading Junior in Police law (Mainly Claimant): 'The most widely praised junior at Matrix is Matthew Ryder. A "real star," he is "combative, competent and charming." Solicitors value him as "good on his feet, with an encyclopaedic knowledge." Also recommended in Crime, and in Human Rights - 'an "excellent expert" on claims against the police and other public bodies' (Chambers & Partners).

Career

New York Bar
Qualified in 1998

LLM
Columbia University,
New York

LLB Hons
Cambridge University