



## ALEX BAILIN QC

### MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Commercial and Corporate Law  
Crime and Regulatory  
Extradition and Mutual  
Assistance  
Human Rights Law  
Inquest and Inquiries  
International Law  
Media and Information Law  
Public Law  
Fraud, Financial and Business  
Crime  
Public and Private International  
Law

Called to the Bar 1995  
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Alex's practice encompasses criminal law and financial crime together with public law and human rights law. His work also involves media law and public international law.

Alex is recommended by the legal directories as a leading Silk in eight areas, spanning both criminal and civil law. His core areas are (1) business crime (2) general crime (3) extradition (4) human rights (5) public and administrative law; he also specialises in (6) media law (7) defamation and privacy, and (8) public international law.

### BUSINESS/FINANCIAL CRIME

Previously a derivatives trader in the City who read Mathematics at Cambridge University, Alex is instructed in a wide variety of commercial and business crime cases: corporate manslaughter, corruption, cartels, frauds of all kinds, insider dealing and other financial services/regulatory offences. He represents a wide range of bodies and persons: senior business executives, regulators, prosecuting authorities, professional bodies, multinational corporations, banks, government departments, foreign governments, journalists and media organisations. He is sought after for his advice during the investigatory stages and for heavyweight trial work. He is a contributing author to various leading textbooks on criminal law and fraud. He writes the Companies Act offences chapter in Montgomery and Ormerod, Fraud: Criminal Law & Procedure. He is on the Serious Fraud Office's QC list. He is recommended as one of the Best Fraud Lawyers in the UK in the Global Best Lawyers directory and a leading lawyer for Investigations and Criminal Fraud in Who's Who Legal. For further details see Business Crime and Extradition CV.

### COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

His commercial work often has a criminal aspect to it e.g. high value civil claims following criminal investigations or prosecutions; Commercial Court litigation with parallel criminal proceedings. Recent high profile Commercial Court work includes the Tchenguiz litigation and Libyan Investment Authority v SocGen where issues of collateral use of documents and self-incrimination protection were litigated extensively. He has experience of ring-fencing (protecting testimony from onward use) and depositions (evidence for foreign proceedings obtained in the UK).

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## DIRECTORIES' RECOMMENDATIONS

### HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY:

**"Will defend his client to the hilt";  
"strategic, and wise"** (Chambers &  
Partners 2021, Civil Liberties &  
Human Rights)

**"Quick on his feet, he fights hard and  
is great with commercial clients in a  
way few criminal barristers are.";  
"Exuding intelligence and poise."**  
Chambers & Partners 2021, Crime

**"A superb silk"; "Innovative, very  
smooth and a class act, he takes the  
case to another level"** Chambers &  
Partners 2021, Extradition

**"Considerable experience of  
representing blue-chip clients";  
"very, very bright"** Chambers &  
Partners 2021, Financial Crime

**"a joy to work with"; "highly  
intelligent"** (Legal 500 2020, Crime)

**"great judgment and practical skill"**  
(Legal 500 2021, Media and  
Entertainment (Including Art and  
Cultural property))

**"A real leader in the field of  
defamation and privacy"** (Legal 500  
2021, Defamation and Privacy)

**"Superb on the law"; "clients love  
him"; "a superb advocate"** (Legal 500  
2020, Public International Law)

**"A unique silk"; "instills confidence  
in his clients and those that instruct  
him"** (Legal 500 2021, International  
Crime and Extradition)

**"Fantastic advocate"** (Legal 500  
2021, Civil Liberties and Human  
Rights (Including Actions Against the  
Police))

**"responsive and strategic";  
"exceptional insight into cases  
involving market misconduct"** (Legal  
500 2021, Business and Regulatory  
Crime (Including Global  
Investigations))

**"everyone wants him on their side"**  
(Chambers UK 2019, Human Rights)

**"exceptionally intelligent"**  
(Chambers UK 2019, Crime)

## EXTRADITION

His practice frequently involves international and cross-border issues e.g. multi-jurisdictional investigations, extradition, sanctions and Interpol Red Notices. He acts for requested persons and foreign governments in extradition cases. He has experience of criminal cases from many diverse jurisdictions e.g. USA, Russia, Ukraine, France, Jersey, Iceland, Greece, the Middle East and a number of Caribbean countries. See further: Business Crime and Extradition CV.

## CRIME

His general criminal work ranges from murder and gross negligence manslaughter to interception of communications and official secrets. Notable cases include defending a GCHQ employee charged with Official Secrets Act disclosures relating to the Iraq war; the first application to retry an acquitted person (for murder) under the new law relating to double jeopardy; a high-profile business blackmail and unlawful email interception case; litigation arising from a large corruption investigation in Premiership football; the leading case on the meaning of 'miscarriage of justice'; an allegation of gross negligence manslaughter relating to a death in police custody. He is instructed in a mixture of trial and appellate work, including CCRC referrals. He writes the Official Secrets Act chapter in Blackstone's Criminal Practice and contributes to Emmerson & Ashworth, Human Rights & Criminal Justice.

## INTERNATIONAL WORK

His international criminal and public international work includes advising on state immunity and its interaction with the jurisdiction of various domestic and international criminal courts; cases concerning torture, rendition, genocide and other violations of fundamental human rights; issues relating to individual violations of international criminal laws. He has experience of diverse jurisdictions: from US Supreme Court cases to litigation in the Turks & Caicos Islands and Channel Islands. He has advised concerning proceedings before the International Criminal Court and has been instructed in cases relating to Darfur and Libya. For further details see [www.matrixlawinternational.com/lawyer/alex-bailin-qc/](http://www.matrixlawinternational.com/lawyer/alex-bailin-qc/).

## MEDIA LAW

His media work often involves the interaction between fair trial rights, privacy, confidentiality and freedom of speech - areas where criminal and media law intersect. He has advised high-profile figures, editors, journalists, national newspapers and broadcasters on reputation management issues, production orders, search warrants, witness summonses, reporting restrictions, contempt of court and other criminal offences. His clients have included the BBC, BuzzFeed, Channel 4, Guardian, the Mirror Group, Daily Telegraph, Independent, ITN, Evening Standard, The Times, BSkyB, Financial Times, News Group Newspapers, Associated Newspapers, the Press Association and various high profile individuals and organisations seeking advice on reputation management, particularly where criminal issues are involved. He is recommended in Who's Who Legal for Media & Entertainment and Defamation & Privacy.

## PUBLIC LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

He has a diverse human rights and public law practice: ranging from judicial reviews to cases in Strasbourg. He has been instructed in more than 25 cases in the Supreme Court, House of Lords, Privy Council and European

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Court of Human Rights, including many death-row appeals. He often works at the interface between criminal and public law. His clients range from wealthy private clients, major shareholders, multinational corporations and FTSE companies to the BBC, regulators, public authorities, NGOs and publicly-funded individuals. He has appeared in a number of major Public Inquiries.

## RECENT/NOTABLE CASES

### Business / Financial Crime

**Further details on Business Crime and Extradition CV.**

**GlaxoSmithKline** (criminal investigation into paediatric clinical trials of anti-depressants: interaction of EU and domestic criminal law)

**R(Redknapp) v City of London Police** (corruption investigation in Premiership football)

**R v Cliff Stanford** (internet entrepreneur charged with unlawful email interception)

Representing the UK President and Finance Director of Alstom Group in a major SFO corruption investigation

Advising in a complex cartel investigation and in numerous corporate criminal investigations

**R v Sidhu** (insider dealing, hedge fund, co-operating accomplice)

**Tchenguiz v SFO** (SFO investigation into collapse of Kaupthing Bank; judicial review and Commercial Court claim)

Advising shareholders and acting for business magnate Leonid Nevzlin in relation to Yukos Oil Company

Representing a bank and a trader in the LIBOR and the EURIBOR investigations by the SFO

### Commercial Law

**Tchenguiz v SFO** (judicial review and resulting Commercial Court litigation)

**Libyan Investment Authority v SocGen** (Commercial Court trial with parallel criminal investigation)

### Extradition

**Further details on Business Crime and Extradition CV**

**Pearse v USA - Credit Suisse Mozambique loans prosecution**

**Cleveland v USA** – mental element in homicide

**Singh v USA** – dark web drug trafficking

**HH v Italy** (Supreme Court - rights of dependent children)

**Diri v USA** (conspiracy to defraud, export sanctions)

**Arpasi v Hungary** (prison conditions)

**Love v USA** (forum bar)

### **Criminal law**

**R v William Dunlop** (first application to retry an acquitted person (for murder) under new double jeopardy laws)

**R v Railtrack plc and its former Chief Executive** (corporate manslaughter, Hatfield rail crash)

**R v Katharine Gun** (Official Secrets Act disclosures relating to the Iraq war)

**R(Adams) v Secretary of State for Justice** (leading case on meaning of 'miscarriage of justice')

**R v Dr E** (allegation of gross negligence manslaughter in police custody)

**da Silva v UK** (police shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes)

### **Media law**

Representing the UK print and broadcast media in the Litvinenko Inquiry

Intervening in the David Miranda (Snowden material) case

Advising the Guardian News Group on publication of WikiLeaks material

Member of Law Commission Working Group on Reform of Contempt of Court

**Metropolitan Police v BBC** (confidential journalistic sources, Panorama programme on hacking)

**MoD v Griffin** (media injunction and prior publication)

**R (Malik) v Manchester Crown Court** (confidentiality of journalistic sources, self-incrimination)

**R v D** (reporting restrictions, application to quash an acquittal)

### **Human rights and Public Law**

**Smith v MoD [2014] AC 52** (Supreme Court - human rights of British soldiers abroad)

Advising Libyan nationals concerning allegations of rendition/torture

**R(C & GC) v Metropolitan Police [2011] 1 WLR 1230** (Supreme Court - retention of non-convicted persons' DNA)

**HM Treasury v Ahmed and others (Nos. 1 & 2) [2010] AC 534** (UK Supreme Court, legality of UN sanctions)

**Gillan & Quinton v UK (2010) 50 EHRR 45** (legality of anti-terrorist police powers)

Advising the Chief Justice of Gibraltar: considered in [2009] UKPC 43

**R(Gentle) v Prime Minister [2008] 1 AC 1356** (House of Lords appeal - legality of Iraq war and duty to hold a public inquiry)

**A and others v Home Secretary [2005] 2 AC 68, (2009) EHRR 29** ("Belmarsh case" in the House of Lords and European Court of Human Rights on the detention without trial of suspected terrorists)

Numerous Caribbean death row appeals

The Litvinenko Inquiry; Undercover Policing Inquiry

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## PUBLICATIONS

Co-author, Emmerson & Ashworth, Human Rights & Criminal Justice

Co-author, Montgomery & Ormerod, Fraud: Criminal Law and Procedure

Co-author, Blackstone's Criminal Practice (Espionage / Official Secrets Act chapter)

Co-author GIR Guide to Global Investigations

Numerous articles on public law, crime, financial crime, media law and human rights in legal journals and the national press. Appeared on BBC News, Sky News, Channel 4 News, Radio 4 Today Programme and Newsnight on legal issues. Regularly quoted in national and financial press on legal issues. A regular speaker at legal conferences in the UK and abroad.

## OTHER INFORMATION

Crown Court Recorder.

Deputy High Court Judge (Administrative Court)

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