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Andrew Price is an experienced criminal and regulatory law barrister who specialises in financial crime, asset recovery, and serious crime.

He is routinely instructed as Leading Counsel, Led Junior, or Junior alone, in substantial fraud and asset recovery cases. In 2019, 2020 and 2022, he was recommended by the Legal 500 as a leading London barrister in the field of Criminal Fraud.

'He has a thoughtful manner which relaxes clients instantly and he is able to convey complicated things simply so that clients can fully appreciate their position. Respected by judges and juries in equal measure, he commands the attention of the court.' [Legal 500, 2020]

'Andrew is a very astute and intelligent fraud practitioner.' [Legal 500 2023]

In asset recovery, Andrew is experienced in civil and criminal proceeds of crime litigation.

Andrew has a significant practice in the field of regulatory crime concerning planning, housing, environmental and health & safety offences. He conducts large scale cases on behalf of local authorities and has been instructed by the Civil Aviation Authority and Food Standards Agency amongst others.

Expertise

Gangs & Organised Crime Groups

Vast experience of conducting trials across a range of offences, including:

- Drug conspiracies
- Gang attacks
- High value robberies and
- Frauds of all types.

Notable Gangs & Organised Crime Groups cases

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car clocking case

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R v C – Kingston Crown Court [2021]

represented a female defendant facing charges of conspiracy to arrange or facilitate the trafficking into the UK of another person for sexual exploitation and conspiracy to hold the same person in servitude. C was part of a gang that lured a female from Romania to the UK and kept her, and others, in servitude working as prostitutes.

R v C – Hove Crown Court [2021]: acquitted after trial in county lines conspiracy case.

Represented a youth, seen to be dealing drugs on the streets of Brighton, with phone evidence of dealing over many more days. Successfully adduced evidence of previous modern slavery evidence.

Modern Slavery

Andrew has both prosecution and defence experience in modern slavery criminal cases, in particular cases involving youths forced into selling drugs.

This experience extends to prosecuting in drugs cases where opposing counsel run modern slavery as a defence.

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R v C-P

successful half-time submission for a youth facing a s.18 allegation when he had stabbed an unarmed youth in the stomach in the street.

Firearms

Instructed to defend and prosecute numerous cases involving firearms with intent to endanger life, cause fear and simple possession.

Notable Firearms cases

R v G – Croydon Crown Court [2021-2023]

DNA evidence linking defendant to possession of gun found in an associate's home address.

R v W – Snaresbrook Crown Court [2022]

allegation of being part of 3 man team who broke into an address and fired a sawn off shot gun to frighten occupants.

R v F & D [2019-2022] – Wood Green Crown Court

loaded gun found in flat of female defendant, owned by male defendant.

Closure Orders

Andrew routinely instructed to appear on behalf of the Metropolitan Police in connection with Closure Order applications.

Civil Injunctions (civil apps by the police)

Andrew's expertise in cases involving the police, mean that he is regularly instructed to act, both for and against, different police authorities (UK-wide) in respect of civil applications. These invariably involve matters relating to football violence.

Driving fatalities/causing serious injury

Andrew has been instructed in a number of cases of the utmost gravity in this area.

Notable Driving fatalities/causing serious injury cases

R v A – Inner London Crown Court [2018-2019]

taxi driver acquitted at half time

Successful defence of a London cab driver who hit a pedestrian walking across the road.

Instructed by Paula Hadleigh of Patterson Law – the Driver Defence Service.

R v H – Harrow Crown Court

successful prosecution of defendant who had mown down a one-legged person at a bus stop.

Drink Driving

Andrew is experienced in cases involving offences associated drink and/or drug driving, and has secured several significant results over the years.

Proceeds of Crime: Confiscation

Andrew has wide ranging experience of confiscation, restraint and enforcement proceedings. He is often instructed by the defence post-conviction as fresh Counsel to deal with confiscation proceedings. He has been leading Counsel, and been led in multi-million confiscation proceedings.

Andrew is also instructed by the CPS Proceeds of Crime Unit in confiscation, restraint and post-confiscation order

applications, and acts for other prosecution agencies in applications under POCA pre and post conviction.

Notable Proceeds of Crime: Confiscation cases

R v D - Harrow Crown Court [[2019-2022]

instructed post conviction concerning confiscation proceedings with £363k benefit.

R v A – Kingston Crown Court [2020]

instructed post-conviction to deal with confiscation proceedings relating to £1/2m conspiracy. Successfully achieved a confiscation order of £4,714 defeating a hidden assets assessment.

R v S – Maidstone Crown Court [2020]

Successful application to vary a Confiscation Order made some years beforehand.

R v C – Southwark Crown Court [2017-2019]

Represented the defendant in criminal and confiscation proceedings. Despite benefit in excess of £1m, managed to successfully argue a nil order.

R v H – High Court [2015-2016]

Successfully obtained a certificate of inadequacy from the High Court, and the discharge of a confiscation order in a multi-million VAT fraud. Involved advising on, and obtaining expert evidence from, Israel.

R v A – Southwark Crown Court [2014-2015]

Led Alex Cameron in confiscation proceedings following the defendant's conviction for a multi-million VAT and film tax credit fraud.

R v E – Norwich Crown Court [2012-2014]

Successfully defended confiscation proceedings being prosecuted by the Eastern Complex Crime group which resulted in his client not being dealt with as a lifestyle offender.

Asset Forfeiture, Cash Seizures & Civil Recovery

Andrew is a specialist practitioner in this area and has accumulated a wealth of experience in successfully representing parties to these proceedings.

Notable Asset Forfeiture, Cash Seizures & Civil Recovery cases

NCA v C [2021-2023]

Instructed to represent a high net worth individual facing civil recovery proceedings in the High Court. Multiple jurisdictions involved owing to this individual being based off-shore. Led by Kennedy Talbot QC.

2022

Advising a UK police force on the interplay between Proceeds of Crime Act proceedings and insolvency.

Re B – Court of Appeal, Civil Division [2019-2021]

instructed to represent an interested party to High Court enforcement proceedings and to appeal findings made in the High Court.

Restraint Orders & Account Freezing Orders

Huge recent experience in this growing area of law.

Notable Restraint Orders & Account Freezing Orders cases

TVP v M [2022]

Instructed in litigation with concurrent criminal and bankruptcy proceedings.

Re H [2020-2021]

Successfully advised and represented a high-profile art business with a turnover in excess of £100m resist an application for an Account Forfeiture Order. Led by Andrew Campbell-Tiech QC.

Met Police v M [2021]

UK Account Freezing Order proceedings connected to the Janneh Commission into Gambian bribery and corruption.

Met Police v Y [2020]

UK Account Freezing and Forfeiture proceedings in relation to Chinese money laundering allegations

Met Police v P [2020]

Account Freezing and Forfeiture proceedings in relation to international drugs importation.

Re A [2020]

Advice concerning a Receivership Order made in the High Court in connection to the enforcement of a Confiscation Order arising from a £16m VAT fraud Confiscation Order.

Money Laundering

Andrew has been instructed in numerous cases in which money laundering is the principal charge or a subsidiary allegation to the main alleged offending.

Andrew has provided bespoke advice to those in Regulated Professions concerning reporting obligations.

Notable Money Laundering cases

R v G – Cambridge CC [2021]

Successful defence of client accused of money laundering. Andrew's client was accused of having received property that represented the proceeds of crime, in the form of designer goods and large sums of money, seized during two separate raids at their home address.

Andrew drafted representations to the Crown for the matter to be discontinued. After negotiations with the Prosecution, and service of our representations, the Crown agreed to Offer No Evidence, bringing matters to a favourable conclusion for his client, thereby avoiding protracted trial proceedings and the possibility of proceeds of crime proceedings.

Instructed by Arlene Mansoor of Shearman Bowen

Re A Solicitors Firm [2019]

advising the private client department of a central London firm that represents high net worth individuals concerning a Production Order and Money Laundering reporting obligations in relation to an international corruption NCA investigation.

Fraud

Andrew is a recognised Leading Junior in this field. He defends and prosecutes in cases involving substantial fraud, bribery and corruption charges, as well as other financial wrongdoing.

He is regularly instructed in an advisory capacity at the early stages of a case to consider tactical as well as legal issues at play. Andrew's experience includes representing companies, individuals and prosecution agencies in these often complex and high-stakes cases.

Notable Fraud cases

Noel Corry & others - Southwark Crown Court [2018-2022]

Bribery and corruption case involving Coca-Cola as a victim – a number of individual and company defendants – Led by James Mulholland QC

Operation Star & Key – Southwark Crown Court [2017-2022]

Leading Counsel in travel agency fraud on the CAA. 14 conspirators successfully prosecuted and convicted. Confiscation proceedings concluded – £1/3 million recovered. Led Jack Talbot

Operation Belpher – Basildon Crown Court [2019 –2022]

Boiler room fraud in excess of £1m.

R v Casey and Casey – Reading Crown Court [2020 – 2022]

Fraud by abuse of position

R v Motin Miah – Bournemouth Crown Court [2018 – 2021]

Cheating the Public Revenue and Income Tax fraud – £1.25 million benefit, nearly £1/2m recovered

R v Rhodes – Bournemouth Crown Court [2020 -2021]

£1/2 million fraud by abuse of position

R v O - Southwark Crown Court [2020]

£4.5m fraud by abuse of position by senior bank official in the City of London

R v S – Reading Crown Court [2020]

successful mitigation to achieve suspended sentence for £200k cash money launderer

R v Knight [2020-2019] VAT fraud, £1/4 million

Instructed to advise the Prosecution on the sufficiency of evidence in a vast multimillion VAT fraud, the investigation of which was 6 years in duration by HMRC [2018-2019]

SFO cases

R v Tesco Stores Ltd (in which a DPA was made)

R v Asil Nadir (the theft of millions from the company Polly Peck), R v Edward Davenport & Others ('Lord' Davenport) and

R v Alan Edwin Gardner

Health & Safety (Consumer & Regulatory offences)

Notable Health & Safety (Consumer & Regulatory offences) cases

R v DJ Forecourts Ltd & Darren Seal (instructed by Kent County Council)

a rare Health & Safety prosecution under the Dangerous Substances and Explosives Atmospheres Regulations 2002 of a Company and Director of the work done to bring a petrol station back into use. The case involved considerable expert opinion. Both defendants convicted and full costs of £12,000 ordered.

Aviation: CAA Prosecutions

Instructed by the Civil Aviation Authority to prosecute.

Notable Aviation: CAA Prosecutions cases

R v Butfoy – Snaresbrook Crown Court [2020-2022]

successful prosecution of a commercial pilot sentenced to imprisonment for offences of fraud, making false entries and altering entries in his pilot's logbook in order to obtain or retain employment with BA CityFlyer and Stobart Air.

Craig Butfoy was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment at Snaresbrook Crown Court for four offences, relating to false representations he made to airlines about his flying and command experience and fabricated references.

<https://news.sky.com/story/british-airways-pilot-jailed-for-lying-about-his-flying-experience-on-cv-to-get-job-12578731>

<https://www.caa.co.uk/news/commercial-pilot-sentenced-for-fraud/>

Planning Enforcement (Consumer & Regulatory offences)

Notable Planning Enforcement (Consumer & Regulatory offences) cases

R v S (London Borough of Ealing) [2022-2023]

misuse of an outbuilding prosecution

W R v Malik (instructed by London Borough of Newham)

planning enforcement case successfully prosecuted. The financial orders included a confiscation order of £85,000, costs in full of £14,800 and a fine of £15,000.

Trade Marks (Consumer & Regulatory offences)

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R G & G 2022-2023

Instructed by Peterborough City Council in relation to a counterfeit car accessories conspiracy case

Ipswich Crown Court [2021-2022]

prosecuting an Organised Crime Group there having been a Police, HMRC and Local Authority investigation

Operation Abraham [2019-2023]

illicit tobacco conspiracy conducted through a chain of shops in Kent

Operation Puma [2019]

instructed by London Borough of Southwark in the prosecution of an organised crime group for counterfeiting, money laundering and an associated assisting an offender charge (related to absconding from sentence for an earlier offence).

R v Boon, Naran and Hirani [2019-2022]

instructed by Kent County Council in a counterfeiting case involving designer fashion goods successfully prosecuted; confiscation proceedings also successfully concluded.

R v Onwionoko

instructed by London Borough of Southwark in the prosecution of a substantial online business for counterfeiting activity that utilised numerous Ebay and Amazon accounts in false identities; approximately £150,000 fraudulently obtained.

R v Saini & Saini

Instructed by London Borough of Southwark. Successful prosecution of a husband and wife who ran a counterfeiting business from their Post Office and home, and then subsequent confiscation proceedings. Confiscation order made in the sum of £135,000 and costs awarded of £25,777.79. Proceedings also involved successfully resisting an appeal against sentence in the Court of Appeal.

Consumer Protection (Consumer & Regulatory offences)

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R v FB [2022]

Instructed by Kent County Council 2020-in a rogue trader case.

Operation Bridge [2019]

Instructed by Kent County Council to advise on charges, and prosecuting, an animal welfare case concerning the neglect of livestock on a farm in an investigation spanning a year.

R v Poe Limited & Calin Poenaria [2019]

Instructed by London Borough of Waltham Forest to prosecute a Company and Director for breaches of food hygiene law in a cash and carry business.

R v Netcroft Trading Limited & Jasbir Singh Arora [2018]

Instructed by London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham. Successfully resisted an appeal in the Crown Court of significant fines imposed in the Magistrates Court for tobacco offences

R v Owen Saunders [2015-2018]

Instructed by Kent County Council in the long running prosecution of a rogue trader who preyed on elderly victims and provided substandard drive way work. The defendant obtained £18,500 by his misleading or aggressive practices. Case involved resisting applications to vacate plea and disclosure issues concerning an National Crime Agency investigation into the defendant. Ultimately a confiscation order of £68,330.00 and Prosecution costs in the sum of £63,036.56 were ordered to be paid.

Housing (Consumer & Regulatory offences)

Notable Housing (Consumer & Regulatory offences) cases

R v Hoque and Hoque[2019]

Instructed by London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Successfully prosecuted a husband and wife who committed a social housing fraud. Confiscation proceedings successfully concluded; a Restraint Order having been obtained.

R v KKB Ltd, Abdul, Abdul and Abdul

Instructed by London Borough of Southwark in a significant HMO prosecution which also included, for a housing enforcement case, rather novel Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 offences. The case was committed to the Crown Court for POCA proceedings. The defendants were treated as lifestyle offenders. The total

financial orders included a confiscation order of £55,372.96, fines of £37,500 and costs of £16,467.30. The defendants were represented by Tim Owen QC.

R v Nasim Hussain [2019]

Instructed by Sharpe Pritchard Solicitors on behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest) concerning a housing enforcement matter in connection with fire safety. Fine imposed was £5000 and costs in full of £2835.59.

R v Bewel Property Ltd & Jeffrey Hu [2019]

Instructed by City of Westminster & Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea. Successful prosecution of a failure to licence and HMO, and regulatory breaches. Subsequently, fines and costs of £214,000 were imposed, reported to be a record at the time.

[Rogue Westminster landlord who 'endangered' lives of tenants hit with record £200,000 fine | London Evening Standard | Evening Standard](#)

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Advisory Panel

Awards

