

Mathew Sherratt Q.C.

Called: 1994

Silk Details: 2017

Specialisms: Arbitration, Commercial, Crime, Financial & Regulatory Crime, Courts Martial, Public & Human Rights

PRACTICE

Crime, Financial and Regulatory Crime, Courts Martial, Commercial Fraud and Asset Recovery, Arbitration

EXPERIENCE

Ranked as a Leading Practitioner in Crime - Chambers and Partners

Crime

Mathew is instructed in complex and difficult cases of national and international interest including murder, manslaughter, health and safety prosecutions and large-scale organised crime. High profile instructions include: junior counsel for the notorious millionaire Nicholas Van Hoogstraten; junior counsel in the Johnson Matthey gold bullion robbery; acting for the bookkeeper for Tommy Adams and recently the successful defence of soldiers 1A and 1B prosecuted for neglect of duty in respect of the deaths of three candidates during SAS selection in the Brecon Beacons.

Significant Cases:

R v. L - defence of Millwall fan charged with one punch manslaughter of a Nottingham forest fan. Crown offered no evidence on manslaughter count at trial upon accepting defence submissions on causation and medical evidence
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-45889608>

R v. D - defence of fourteen year old charged with murder following death of an elderly man after a violent street robbery. Plea to manslaughter accepted
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-43321402>

R v. M - defence of the bookkeeper for Tommy Adams in his money laundering trial.
<https://news.sky.com/story/gangster-tommy-adams-jailed-for-seven-years-for-money-laundering-11109735>

R v. SM - defence of a notorious Liverpool gang enforcer in a series of blackmail allegations and s.18 GBH with a machete. Defendant acquitted of 5/6 counts of blackmail and the one count of GBH.

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/violent-pimp-who-banned-liverpool-12331437>

R v. M - Defendant was charged with attempted murder after shooting a couple as they lay in bed sixteen times. Acquitted of attempted murder, convicted of GBH.

<https://www.croydonadvertiser.co.uk/news/croydon-news/gunman-tells-judge-suck-your-530949>

R v. B - successful defence of owner of a bonded warehouse charged with importation of 250 kgs of cocaine and 2 tonnes of cannabis in shipments of fruit and vegetables. The Defendant pleaded to conspiring to evade duty on cigarettes

<http://www.mynewsdesk.com/uk/hm-revenue-customs-hmrc/news/fruit-and-veg-cigarette-smuggling-ring-squashed-123918>

R v. Maxwell [2010] UKSC 48 - leading authority on abuse of process arising from executive misconduct. In this case serious police misconduct rose in respect of the handling of a supergrass.

R v. Van Hoogstraten - junior counsel in retrial which led to millionaire's acquittal.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2003/dec/09/1>

Financial and Regulatory Crime

Ranked in Legal 500 New Silks for Fraud 2017 and 2018

"His advocacy is nothing short of brilliant" Legal 500 2017

"His work includes boiler room and other fraud cases.." Legal 500 2018

With a predominantly civil practice in his early years at the Bar Mathew is well equipped to deal with complex allegations of fraud and regulatory offences. He has wide experience of the whole gamut of fraud including: MTIC; carbon credit; boiler room; cash for crash conspiracies; revenue offences and international money laundering.

Mathew advises and appears in civil restraint, forfeiture and confiscation proceedings.

He has appeared before a wide range of regulatory and disciplinary tribunals including the GMC, The Showman's Guild, VAT Tribunal and disciplinary hearings on behalf of

professional sportsmen, police officers and doctors.

Significant cases:

R v. N - Defendant charged with conspiracy to defraud, fraud by abuse of position and perverting - this boiler room fraud involving the mis-sale of shares in a luxury hotel and villas in Madeira. This was one of the FCA's most complex fraud investigations and the first FCA prosecution of an offence of perverting the course of justice.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-45521235>

R v. H - representing director of engineering firm contracted to install broadband for BT and Carillion Telent. Conspirators alleged to have set-up a series of bogus companies dishonestly purporting to sub-contract labour. The bogus companies evaded the payment of more than £15 million in VAT and CIS payments. Defendant acquitted of main count on indictment after successful half-time submission.

R v. D - million pound conspiracy to defraud arising from abuse of garage liens by a high turnover car engine remanufacturer

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4406570/Father-sons-conned-motorists-jailed-11-years.html>

R v. W - successful defence of conveyancing legal executive charged with multi-million pound conspiracy to defraud multiple mortgage lenders.

https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/10716335.Twelve_appear_at_court_in_connection_with_multi-million_pound_mortgage_fraud_probe/

R v. E - successful defence of land registry fraud after successful submission of no case on issue of indefeasibility of title.

R v. W - instructed by Registrar in appeal against conviction for boiler room fraud based on allegations of competence of a legal professional.

R v Wilmot (Christopher) [2014] EWCA Crim 529

Courts Martial

Mathew has a particular expertise in Courts Martial defending in the two major SPA prosecutions of 2018. He also appears in inquests involving deaths in the military.

Significant Cases

R v. P - captain charged with gross negligence manslaughter following the accidental shooting of a soldier on the Castlemartin live firing range in 2012

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-west-wales-44945232>

R v. Cipher 1A and 1B - the successful defence of an officer and warrant officer charged with neglect of duty who invigilated a test march in the Brecon Beacons for a Special Military Unit during which three candidates died of heat illness in 2013.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-45557588>

Commercial Fraud and Asset Recovery

Mathew has significant experience in cases involving allegations of insurance fraud. He regularly acts in allegations of civil fraud, interim freezing orders and civil POCA proceedings.

Arbitration

Mathew has a particular interest in the issue of corruption in the context of international arbitration proceedings. He spoke as a panel member at the Paris IBA Corruption conference in June 2018 on the subject. He is a contributor to IBA Joint Sub-Committee on Corruption and Arbitration

Reported Cases

Darmalingum v Secretary of State for Mauritius(PC) [2000] WLR 2303

R (Mudie) v Dover Magistrates [2003] 2 WLR 1344 (CA)

R v Van Hoogstraten [2004] Crim LR 498

Att-Gen's Ref (No.3 of 2004) [2006] Crim.L.R 63,CA

R v Maxwell [2010] UKSC 48

R v Wilmot (Christopher) [2014] EWCA Crim 529

R v. Ehi-Palmer [2016] EWCA Crim 1844

Memberships

Queens Counsel on French Consulate recommended list of avocats

Member of Fraud Lawyers Association