



## Robin Leach

**Year of Call:** 1979

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### Trading Standards

Robin Leach has handled a number of trading standards cases. These include representing a defendant in a multi-handed [10] conspiracy called Ashton and others in Southampton Crown Court. The allegation was that the defendants had fraudulently targeted elderly people for many years persuading them to have their drains repaired when not necessary. Millions of pounds were dishonestly appropriated from over 900 victims. The trial lasted three months. Most defendants were acquitted of most charges. Those convicted were convicted of one or two charges and received non-custodial sentences.

Robin is presently instructed in a "rogue trading" case prosecuted by Trading Standards in Salisbury Crown Court, where elderly persons are targeted to have building or gardening work done against their will.

### Recommendations

Recognised as a leading junior in horse racing disputes who gets frequent appointments from the Jockey Club, BHA and HRA. He is adept at representing jockeys in cases concerning alleged corruption, safety matters and riding offences.

"He's solid and reliable and has great understanding of the sport of racing."

Recent work: Represented a professional gambler and a flat trainer who were charged with corruption in an allegation that they had told a jockey to stop a horse from being placed or winning.

**Chambers UK 2019/Sport - The Regions (Bar) - Band 2**

Strengths: "He is very good, very experienced and he knows the sport."

**Chambers UK 2018/Sport - The Regions (Bar) - Band 2**

'Has recently represented jockeys in high-profile matters involving accusations of corruption.'

**Chambers UK 2017/Sport - The Regions (Bar) - Band 1**

'One of the country's foremost experts on horse-racing cases. He has amassed considerable depth of knowledge on the full range of corruption, disciplinary and regulatory issues that jockeys, trainers and others face in the sport.'

**Chambers UK 2016/Sport - The Regions (Bar) - Band 1**

'Noted for his expertise in horse racing, frequently defending jockeys and trainers against a wide range of disciplinary matters, including safety and riding offences, as well as against allegations of corruption.'

**Chambers UK 2015/Sports Law - The Regions**

'has a strong reputation in the equestrian world, and represents both jockeys and trainers in disciplinary actions and licensing cases.'

**Chambers UK 2014/Sports Law - The Regions - Band 1**

'Recommended for representing jockeys and trainers in disciplinary matters.'

**Legal 500 2015/London Bar - Sport - Leading juniors**

'His passion for horse racing supports his determination to do a proper job.'

**Legal 500 2014**

'seasoned, accessible'

**Legal 500 2013/14**/Leading Junior - London Bar - Media, Entertainment and Sport expertise.

## **Professional qualifications & appointments**

- Standing Counsel to Revenue & Customs Prosecution Office (North Eastern Circuit)
- Appointed Counsel to the National Trainers' Federation
- Non-executive Director of the Professional Jockeys' Association
- Legal Assessor to the Nursing and Midwifery Council

## **Professional bodies**

- British Association for Sport and Law (BASL)
- CPS Prosecutor Grade 4 on the Serious fraud and Organised crime panels