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Crime and Regulatory Crime

A former District and Senior Crown Prosecutor, Richard Sampson led a team of lawyers in the prosecution of criminal cases, providing legal advice and guidance. He personally led on a wide range of criminal casework, ensuring the effective delivery of pre-charge advice and early intervention in large and complex cases.

This saw Richard undertaking advocacy in the more challenging serious and sensitive cases in the Magistrates' Courts, delivering high levels of advocacy, media handling, written and oral communication skills to maintain public confidence in the prosecution process. Amongst other specialisms, Richard is an authority in road traffic law and magistrates' court practice and procedure.

Prior to this, Richard was an Enforcement Lawyer with the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) responsible for prosecutions. He secured a conviction in the first case under their new "Decision To Prosecute" model, which removed the charging decision from the investigating inspector, against a large corporate defendant. He attended the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee on behalf of the HSE.

Richard also served as a Principal Investigative Lawyer with the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), providing legal advice on disclosure across the entire Division in the LIBOR/EURIBOR case teams and was responsible for creating and delivering Witness Familiarisation Training to SFO staff. He also acted as Disclosure Counsel for the SFO on a multi-million pound fraud investigation.

He spent over four years in a criminal law chambers in London, after qualifying and completing his pupillage. Richard's busy caseload saw him prosecute for the CPS in the Crown and Magistrates' Courts with instructions running the full gamut of criminal activity from cannabis production through GBH to sexual offences.

Richard also defended in both the Crown and Magistrates' Courts, including fraud by identity theft, handling stolen goods and a £400,000 cheque fraud case. Richard also worked for the Treasury Solicitors reviewing material for disclosure and legal privilege in procurement and contract litigation involving government department contracts. This included an eight month assignment to the Ministry of Defence in a claim valued at over £150m.

Academic qualifications

- Bar Vocational Course, The Inns of Court School of Law, 2006-2007
- LLB (Hons), University of Exeter, 2002-2005

Professional qualifications & appointments

Professional bodies

- Criminal Bar Association
- Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn