

# Barrister: Tom Little QC

## Overview:

### Serious Crime & Fraud

As Treasury Counsel Tom regularly prosecutes some of the country's most high-profile murder trials (such as R v Mair) and terrorism trials (such as R v Hassane) as well as appearing in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court in cases of general public importance (such as R v Hunter & others and R v Golds). Tom has undertaken work for the Serious Fraud Office and is currently advising them on a high profile investigation relating to allegations of LIBOR rigging.

Tom is ranked by Chambers UK as a Band 1 individual for both Crime and for Financial Crime.

Chambers UK said Tom "is highly intelligent, has good tactical and strategic nous, and is very good with opponents, judges and his leaders. He works extremely hard." "Strategically fantastic and a man with a lovely manner", "he is a real class act who is able to remain cool under pressure."

Legal 500 2016 said Tom is a "first-rate advocate and trial strategist" and "one of the brightest stars of his generation."

## Civil

After many years undertaking a wide range of civil work Tom's primary civil areas of practice are now public law proceedings (including, but not just, judicial review claims relating to the criminal law) and inquests. He also provides strategic advice to liquidators and creditors on the interplay between civil and criminal proceedings where there is suspected fraud as well as regulatory cases in various tribunals.

## Professional Responsibility

Between 2002 and 2009 Tom was an elected member of the Bar Council and in 2006 he was Chairman of the Young Bar. In 2012 he became Vice Chairman (Crime) of the Bar Council's Remuneration Committee. Tom was also appointed by the Lord Chancellor to the Criminal Procedure Rule Committee and was a member of that Committee between 2004 and 2011.

## Notable Cases

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#### General Crime

- **R v Donaldson (2017):** Successfully prosecuted murder trial relating to gang stabbing in Grove Park.
- **R v Ullah (2017):** Successfully prosecuted so-called 'Jihadi James Bond' for various terrorism offences linked to cyber terrorism.
- **R v Holloway (2016) [2017] 1 WLR 1660:** Appointed by the Attorney General as an amicus to assist the Court of Appeal on the powers of a Crown Court Judge to appoint an advocate to the Court.
- **R v Thomas Mair (2016):** Successfully prosecuted Mair in the high profile murder of Jo Cox MP.



**Call: 1997**

**Silk: 2018**

### Appointments:

Senior Treasury Counsel at the Central Criminal Court (2017-date); Junior Counsel to the Crown 'A' Panel (2014-2018); Junior Treasury Counsel at the Central Criminal Court (2012-2017); Recorder of the Crown Court; Special Advocate; Middle Temple Advocacy Trainer; Bencher of the Middle Temple

### Education:

PGDL, Nottingham Law School 1996; History BA (Hons), Nottingham University 1995

### Practice areas

- Crime and Fraud
- Inquests
- Police Law
- Public Law
- Regulatory and Disciplinary

### Recent Cases

- Tom Little appears in the Court of Appeal in a guideline case on the victims of crime.

### Recent News

- Tom Little Appointed as Senior Treasury Counsel
- Tom Little and Gareth Munday secure conviction of Corrupt Banker
- Tom Little becomes a Bencher of Middle Temple
- Tom Little successfully prosecutes cyber jihadi at the Old Bailey

- **R v Needham & Others [2016] EWCA Crim 455; [2016] 1 W.L.R 4449:** Appeared in the Court of Appeal on behalf of the Prosecution in seven co-joined appeals (having not appeared at first instance) in a Special Court considering the correct approach to take to imposing driving disqualifications following a change in the law.
- **R v Humphrey Burke (2016):** Successfully prosecuted the defendant in a trial of the facts for killing a SERCO officer in the cells at Blackfriars Crown Court.
- **R v Hassane & Others (2016):** Successfully prosecuted Islamic State inspired conspiracy to murder police officers and members of the armed forces in London.
- **R v Hassan & Anderson (2015):** Successfully prosecuted execution in drug den of 17 year old boy.
- **R v Hunter & Others [2015] EWCA Crim 631; [2015] 1 W.L.R. 5367:** Guideline case before a five judge constitution of the Court of Appeal (including the Lord Chief Justice, the President of the QBD and the Vice President of the CACD) on the correct approach to the giving of good character directions to the jury.
- **R v Muddar & Chowdhury (2015):** Successfully prosecuted defendants for killing young girl following months of cruelty.
- **R v Clifford (2014) [2015] 1 Cr. App. R. C (S) 232:** Successfully prosecuted the notorious publicist Max Clifford for historic indecent assaults.
- **R v Ekaireb (2013):** Successfully prosecuted wealthy property developer for historic missing body murder involving the death of his Chinese wife who he had met when she was a lap dancer in Ireland.
- **R v Bidace (2013):** Successfully prosecuted murder and attempted murder trial. The deceased was executed whilst on his knees in his own sitting room and then the gun man attempted to kill the deceased's wheelchair bound partner as she had recognised him. The Defendant received one of the longest minimum term life sentences ever given at the Old Bailey.
- **R v Perkins, Bennett & Hall [2013] EWCA Crim 323 [2013] 2 Cr. App.R.(S.) 72:** Represented the Prosecution in 3 co-joined appeals before the Lord Chief Justice in which guidance was provided on the use of Victim Personal Statements.
- **R v Caley & Others [2012] EWCA Crim 2821; [2013] 2 Cr. App.R. (S.) 37:** Represented the Prosecution in a series of conjoined appeals in which the Court of Appeal provided important guidance on the reduction in sentence for pleading guilty and in particular on when the first reasonable opportunity is for a Defendant to indicate a guilty plea.
- **R v Koc (2012):** Prosecuted double murder with 5 similar attacks. Defendant convicted following 4 week trial and given life imprisonment with a minimum term of 35 years.

## Public Law

- **R (Belhaj) v The DPP & Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs (2017):** Appeared for the DPP in preliminary issue hearing relating to the availability of Closed Material Proceedings in a judicial review claim relating to a decision not to prosecute.
- **R (Cardin) v The Birmingham Crown Court & DPP (2017) [2018] 1 Cr. App. R. 3:** Successfully resisted Judicial Review claim on behalf of DPP relating to the ambit of section 1 of the Bail (Amendment) Act 1993.
- **R (Denby Collins) v Secretary of State for Justice [2016] EWHC 33 (Admin) [2016] Q.B 862:** Successfully represented the Secretary of State in the important human rights challenge to the law of self-defence when homeowner is confronted by a burglar who he kills or seriously injures.
- **Commissioner of Police v Ahsan [2015] EWHC 2354 (Admin) [2016] 1 W.L.R 654:** Represented the Police in the High Court in the first contested application for a terrorism notification order.

- Tom Little successful in important case in Supreme Court
- Thomas Mair convicted of murdering Jo Cox MP
- Whole life sentence imposed on Jo Cox murderer
- Tom Little appears for the prosecution in the Jo Cox murder trial
- Tom Little appearing in Supreme Court in murder case
- Tom Little prosecutes case of SERCO officer killed at Court
- Tom Little prosecutes two students convicted of plotting to kill police / soldiers in a terrorist shooting
- Tom Little prosecuting Islamic State inspired terror plot in London
- Tom Little successful in ECHR challenge to self-defence law in the Divisional Court
- Robert Ekaireb's appeal dismissed with heavy criticism of the defence QC by the Lord Chief Justice
- Tom Little appears in Administrative Court in important human rights challenge to the level of force that a householder can use on a burglar
- Trial of murder of 17 year old boy underway at the Old Bailey
- Tom Little appeared for Prosecution in important Court of Appeal ruling on good character directions to be given to the jury
- Mother and lover found guilty of killing Ayesha Ali
- Tom Little on the prosecution team in the Ayesha Ali murder trial
- Max Clifford's appeal against sentence rejected by Court of Appeal
- Tom Little persuades the Court of Appeal to uphold a 'whole life' sentence.
- Tom Little nominated for Crime Junior of the Year at the Chambers and Partners Bar Awards 2014
- 'On the run' scheme determined as lawful but flawed by Hallett review
- Tom Little speaks at Law Society Gazette round table discussion on the future of the Bar.
- Tom Little appears as amicus in VHCC dispute case at the Southwark Crown Court
- Tom Little appointed as junior

- **R (DPP) v Sunderland Magistrates (2014) EWHC 613:** Appearing for the DPP in successful judicial review of a decision to issue summonses instituting the private prosecution of a Chief Crown Prosecutor and a Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor for misconduct in public office.
- **R (Barons Pub Co) v Staines Magistrates Court [2013] EWHC 898 (Admin); [2013] Crim. L.R. 758; [2013] A.C.D. 92:** Representing the DPP as an intervenor in this important Judicial Review on abuse of process in the Magistrates Court.

## Fraud

- **R v Ryjenko and Sanderson (2017):** Successfully prosecuted multi-million cross-jurisdiction corruption and money-laundering trial relating to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- **Re LIBOR (2015 to 2017):** Advising SFO on alleged LIBOR rigging at RBS.
- **R v Crawley & Others (2014):** Appointed by the Attorney General to act as an amicus in the FCA prosecution where no advocates were willing to represent the defendants following VHC fee cuts by the government.
- **R v Okedare [2014] 1 W.L.R. 4071:** Led for the prosecution in Court of Appeal in important case determining whether a confiscation order can be made against a defendant who absconds before conviction.
- **R v William & Others (2011 - 2014):** Prosecuted six defendant multi-million tax fraud and associated money laundering by the family both internationally and by purchasing properties. Also instructed in complex confiscation proceedings and in the Court of Appeal on both the conviction and confiscation appeals.
- **R v Bestel (2010 - 2013) [2014] 1 W.L.R. 457:** Prosecuted multi-million pound mortgage fraud for CPS Fraud Prosecution Service.

## Regulatory & Disciplinary

- **Undercover Police Inquiry (2016):** Appeared to represent jointly the Attorney General and the DPP at a hearing of the Undercover Police Inquiry relating to the breadth of the appropriate undertakings to be given to witnesses at the Inquiry.
- **The Hallett Review (2014):** Junior counsel to the Independent review by Dame Heather Hallett DBE into the On the Runs Administrative Scheme.
- **Bales College v The Secretary of State for Education (2014):** Represented the Secretary of State in Appeal proceedings relating to the determination that the college be removed from the register of schools under the Education Act.
- **AJ v Secretary of State (2012 - 2013):** Represented the Secretary of State in Appeal proceedings relating to historic allegations. The Appeal was struck out.
- **PM v Secretary of State (2012 - 2013):** Represented the Secretary of State in Appeal proceedings relating to standards of nursing which had caused three patients in a care home to die. The Appellant withdrew his Appeal prior to the hearing.

counsel to the Hallett Review

- Tom Little appointed to the 'A' Panel and is the first barrister to be both Treasury Counsel at the Central Criminal Court and on the Civil 'A' Panel
- Tom Little successfully prosecutes missing body murder trial at the Old Bailey.
- Tom Little successfully appears in the Court of Appeal to increase the sentence of imprisonment imposed on a predatory sex offender
- The Court of Appeal today in R. v. Bestel & others provides guidance on appeals against confiscation orders brought out of time following the decision in R. v. Waya
- Gunman receives life sentence with a minimum term in prison of 42 years
- Tom Little appears for the prosecution in Court of Appeal Guideline case on the appropriate level of reduction in sentence for a guilty plea.

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## Recommendations



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