

Robert Dacre

Call: 2013

“Brilliant, diligent, smart and strategic”

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A ‘rising star’ with a ‘brilliant mind’, Robert is a sought-after junior in the fields of financial and corporate crime, general crime, professional discipline and inquests.

He has been instructed in a number of significant cases across the spectrum of financial crime, including high value and large scale fraud, bribery, misconduct in public office, cheating the public revenue and money laundering. He advises companies and individuals in complex and sensitive cases. He is adept at dealing with self-reporting issues and strategy from the early stages of investigation by prosecution authorities.

He is regularly instructed in complex and serious general crime. His recent work has involved high profile terrorism and murder cases.

He is also frequently instructed to represent the interests of corporates and professionals at inquests.

He has a wealth of experience of cases involving doctors, accountants and other professionals before regulatory tribunals.

Current and recent instructions include:

- Operation Incendiary: junior counsel in a large-scale case relating to bribery and fraud in the gambling sector.
- R v B: junior counsel in a case relating to an alleged multi-million-pound VAT fraud.
- Advising a company in respect of an investigation by the CMA.
- Advising a HNW company director in respect of money laundering.
- Operation Agave: sole counsel representing a businessman and company director who acted as introducer to a multi-million-pound investment scheme. Robert’s client was acquitted following a successful submission that there was no case to answer.
- X v ZH and others: leading counsel in a private prosecution relating to an alleged fraud with a value of over £2 million.
- R v H: sole counsel to a senior IT executive who is alleged to have embezzled funds from a household name company, and to have thereafter agreed significant contract extension without appropriate authorization.
- R v A: sole counsel prosecuting a company and individual in respect of a £3 million counterfeiting scheme.
- R v X: junior counsel in a very large case relating to corruption and misconduct in public office.
- Operation Obi-Wan: junior counsel in a hidden income and VAT fraud.
- Operation Mickey: junior counsel acting for company director in large insurance fraud.
- Operation Capparís: sole counsel prosecuting in a private prosecution of a credit card fraud.

- Operation ARK: junior counsel prosecuting in a conspiracy to defraud in respect of a group of companies with a turnover of over £46 million.
- R v NAA: sole counsel in a private prosecution brought on behalf of leading brand in respect of a counterfeiting operation.
- R v P: sole counsel in prosecution relating to several offences under the Terrorism Act 2006.
- R v W: junior counsel in a widely reported murder trial.
- Representing a major participant in the inquests in relation to the former patients of Ian Paterson.
- Representing a senior doctor in a high-profile inquest relating to the sudden death of a 17-year-old boy.

Qualifications:

- 2013: BPTC, City Law School
- 2012: Queen Mother Scholarship, Middle Temple
- 2012: BA (Hons) Law, Magdalene College, Cambridge
- 2011: Astbury Scholarship, Middle Temple
- 2010: BA (Hons) History (First), Exeter College, Oxford
- 2009: Simon Pointer Prize for History
- 2008: Ellison Scholarship