



Martin Goudie KC.

Year of call Call: 1996 - KC

Barrister • 2017

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What others say:

- *"Martin is forensic in his attention to detail. No stone is left unturned and his brain is the size of a small planet."* **Legal 500 2026 - Leading Silks**
- *"Martin Goudie is efficient."*

"Goudie is forensic in his analysis. He knows all about the case. He always has face time with the client and is not afraid to get his hands dirty." **Chambers & Partners - Crime - 2026**

- *"Martin is one of the finest strategists at the bar. From the start of the case, his clear-eyed approach gives confidence to solicitors and clients alike, and achieves results that would otherwise have seemed impossible"* **recommendation in Legal 500**
- *"He delegates very well, is respectful and responsive. He is a very good and an able leader and he wins the confidence of judges quickly and effectively."*

"Martin has a first-rate grasp of the facts, is excellent with clients and a real pleasure to work with. His cross-examination is outstanding and his tactical acumen is first-class."

"He is extremely talented and straight to the point."

"Martin is a relentless strategist, a consummate tactician with a prodigious work ethic."



Call:

- Inner Temple 1996 (Bencher 2014)
- Bar of Northern Ireland 2016
- King's Counsel 2017

Appointments:

- Recorder (Civil and Crime)
- Legal Assessor to the Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Chair of the Council of Management of the Pegasus Scholarship Trust
- Head of Discipline, London Scottish (Rugby) Football Club
- Chambers Treasurer

Professional memberships:

recommendation in Chambers & Partners

- *‘He is able to dissect any case down to its fundamental issues and focus on them before the jury with laser precision’* **recommendation in Legal 500**
- *“He is meticulous and has the ability to retain an immense amount of material in relation to his cases. He knows exactly how to guide a jury through a case and cut away the confusion. He is also very easy to work with and knows how to put a client at ease.”* - **recommendation in Chambers & Partners**

Practice Profile:

Specialises in national security, serious and financial crime, regulatory & professional discipline work.

Member of Attorney General's Panel of Special Advocates since 2005 dealing with national security cases including Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures (TPIMs), legacy cases in Northern Ireland, cases before the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC), those arising from financial sanctions (Bank Mellat) and Guantanamo Bay (Binyam Mohamed). 'Appointed Person' for closed hearing in £4.1billion Thames Tidewater Tunnel project. Contributes to documents produced by special advocates including submissions to the Joint Committee on Human Rights. Interviewed by Amnesty International as part of investigations into 'closed material procedures'.

Over 20 years of experience in all areas of serious and financial crime both defending and prosecuting (CPS EAS Grade 4 prior to taking Silk). His experienced includes representing both individuals and corporate bodies in disputes, investigations and criminal proceedings. Frequently instructed to provide advice and assistance prior to charge in a variety of cases from a roadblock shooting by a British soldier in Kabul, Afghanistan to financial crime investigations in the UK. Martin is experienced in leading legal teams in high pressure factually and legally complex cases, especially where there are multiple defendants, and is known for his strategic and practical approach. Martin was recently instructed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), leading [Laura Herbert](#), in the prosecution arising out of the Emiliano Sala plane crash (hyperlinked to BBC

- International Bar Association
- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Justice
- Royal Institute of International Affairs
- Royal Geographical Society
- Scholarships –
- Pegasus Scholar to Crown Law Office, Wellington, New Zealand (1999)

Publications/lectures

- Crucible Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law Team Spring Webinar, Regulating Professionals (2) – Beckwith, a line in the sand or a decision on its own facts.
- Charter Chambers Regulatory Webinar series. Regulating Professionals – is anywhere or anything off limits to the Regulator.
- Lecture with BLM Law to the Insurance Fraud Bureau Conference on Strategic Litigation in combating fraud – Searches, restraint and confiscation proceedings.
- Lecture to the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association on Serious Crime Prevention Orders.
- Response to the Green Paper on Justice and Security in relation to Norwich Pharmacal proceedings

website page). Martin is also currently leading **Ben Rowe**, instructed by **Gary Bloxsome** and **Jennifer Richardson** of **Blackfords LLP**, in a multi-handed trading standards fraud fixed for 14 weeks in Southwark, and also currently leading **Clea Topolski**, instructed by Simon Hancock at Mitchells Solicitors, in restraint and confiscation proceedings at Southwark Crown Court arising from a fraud where over 300 investors lost all their money having been sold partnerships in Ecuadorian gold mine. He is also advising the Pension Regulator, leading **Claire Robinson** and **Libby Anderson**, in respect of a multi-handed multi-million-pound fraud.

Extensive experience of regulatory/disciplinary hearings, inquests and investigations for Regulators and for individuals, corporate bodies, charities and other institutions. Worked with and/or against the CAA, Office of Rail and Road, Nursing and Midwifery Council, Royal College of Nursing, Bar Standards Board and Rugby Football Union. Cases have included advice on jurisdictional issues, prosecutions arising out of fatal crashes, dangerous goods prosecutions (including of Amazon), fitness to practice committees, competitions committees and internal hearings.

Advocacy trainer, instructor on ethics and witness familiarisation courses. Accepts direct access instructions.

Serious crime:

Martin has over 20 years of experience in all areas of serious crime both defending and prosecuting and has recently finished a month long murder trial where he was instructed by **Krystle O'Donnell** of **EBR Attridge**. Frequently instructed to provide advice and assistance prior to charge in a variety of cases from a roadblock shooting by a British soldier in Kabul, Afghanistan, to fatal aircraft crashes in the UK. Martin is experienced in leading legal teams in high pressure factually and legally complex cases, especially where there are multiple defendants, and is known for his strategic and practical approach.

Notable serious crime cases:

R v Aleksandrovas and one other.

Defence Counsel in murder of a homeless man in Brixton. The victim was beaten to death in an incident with no witnesses of CCTV coverage. The Crown relied on a new DNA technique requiring enhanced statistical analysis to match DNA found in a mixed part profile on the victim to that of Mr. Aleksandrovas.

R v. Cuni & others [2018] 2 Cr. App. R. (S.) 18

Privately instructed in the Court of Appeal in respect of major conspiracy to import Class A drugs

R v. Dzuga & Dzuga

Defence Counsel for the first Defendant where the Defendants faced allegations of trafficking multiple individuals into and around the United Kingdom between 2005 and 2013.

R v. Tafari Deacon

Tafari Deacon faced an allegation of murder relating to the killing by a gang of a young man with a shotgun. He was acquitted at half-time following a successful submission of no case to answer. He then faced a separate trial for possessing a firearm and ammunition with intent to endanger life, see Attorney General's Reference Nos 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of 2014 (Deacon & others) [2014] 2 Cr App R (S) 51

R v. T

Prosecution of a stepfather for sexual assault and assault by penetration of his stepdaughter between the ages of 11 and 14.

R v. S

Defence Counsel in respect of allegations of historical sexual abuse including rape and buggery, stretching back twenty years, against the third eldest child in a family by one of his brothers and two of his sisters.

R v. NW [2010] 2 Cr App R 8

Definition of term 'present together' in violent disorder.

R v. Roger Vincent & Others

A huge investigation commenced following the murder of a notorious gangster in Hertfordshire with an AK-47, the first time one was used in the mainland United Kingdom. The investigation gave rise to a lengthy trial where Roger Vincent was alleged to be the gunman. The trial was complicated by the Crown's wish to place Mr. Vincent's previous acquittal for murder before the jury.

R v. Khan (Fahad Tariq) [2007] 2 Cr App R (S) 95

Sentencing, conspiracy to rob, young offenders.

R v. De Oliveira (Fabio) [2006] 2 Cr App R (S) 17

Sentencing, false instruments.

Financial crime:

Martin is leading [Clea Topolski](#), instructed by Simon Hancock at [Mitchells Solicitors](#), in restraint and confiscation proceedings at Southwark Crown Court arising from a fraud where over 300 investors lost all their money having been sold partnerships in Ecuadorian gold mine. He is also currently leading [Ben Rowe](#), instructed by [Gary Bloxsome](#) and [Jennifer Richardson](#) of [Blackfords LLP](#), in a multi-handed trading standards fraud fixed for 14 weeks in Southwark. He is instructed pre-charge by the Pension Regulator, leading [Claire Robinson](#) and [Libby Anderson](#), in respect of a multi-handed multi-million-pound fraud.

Notable financial crime cases:

R v DW and others.

Defence Counsel in fraud arising from selling partnerships in Ecuadorian Gold mines to over 300 investors who lost all their money.

R v. Ayoub Mohamed

Defence Counsel in two-month trial arising from multi-national money laundering through a number of companies in excess of £25 million and \$25million, involved consideration of potential bad character arising from sanctions imposed by US Treasury.

X

Advising company X in respect of allegations of fraud arising from a franchise agreement.

R v. Alexander de Rothschild Hatton

Defence Counsel at the confiscation proceedings. Mr de Rothschild Hatton had been convicted of a number of allegations arising out of him commencing a relationship with a divorcee and deceiving her into handing over in excess of £500,000. The Crown alleged there were substantial hidden assets and that he was a serial offender committing similar offences with other women in the UK, Europe and the USA.

Professional discipline and regulatory law:

Martin has extensive experience of regulatory/disciplinary hearings, inquests and investigations for Regulators and for individuals, corporate bodies, charities and other institutions. Worked with and/or against the Civil Aviation Authority, Office of Rail and Road, Nursing and Midwifery Council, Royal College of Nursing, Bar Standards Board and Rugby Football Union. Cases have included advice on jurisdictional issues, prosecutions arising out of fatal crashes (Emiliano Sala), dangerous goods prosecutions (including of Amazon & Sanyo), fitness to practice committees, competitions committees and internal hearings.

Notable professional discipline and regulatory law cases:

CAA v Henderson

Prosecution for endangering the safety of an aircraft of the organiser/operator of the final flights taken by Emiliano Salah.

Khan v Bar Standards Board [2018] A.C.D. 124

Professional misconduct, Articles 8 and 10 ECHR, sanction.

Y

Advising company Y following an incident resulting in multiple fatalities of members of the public.

CAA v. Amazon UK Services Ltd

Prosecution of Amazon at Southwark Crown Court for breaches of regulation 5(1) of the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2002 over a period from late 2013 to the middle of 2015.

CAA v. Iain King

Prosecution under Article 94(1)(c) of the Air Navigation Order 2005 of a flying instructor for falsely certifying a pupil applying for a Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) had completed the required course of training. He also falsely certified eight days of flying which did not take place in the pupil's logbook. The pupil's Gazelle helicopter crashed on his first solo flight following the grant of his licence killing the pupil and his wife.

