

James Hines QC



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Details of practice

James Hines practises in crime, commercial fraud and extradition, principally defending. He specialises in cases which have both criminal and commercial/civil aspects particularly those with an international element.

James has defended in numerous Serious Fraud Office trials. He was invited to join the SFO Panel of Queen's Counsel for 2017. He regularly provides strategic advice to clients during the investigation stage. He led for the Prosecution in the **LIBOR** trial of Barclays employees: **Johnson, Mathew, Merchant, Pabon & Riech**. He defended **AR** who was accused of international bribery and corruption in the procurement of very large oil and gas construction contracts in Russia.

James both prosecutes and defends in FCA cases, notably insider dealing cases. He is also instructed by the Competition and Markets Authority on cartel matters.

In crime he has acted in areas including international money laundering, corruption, historic rape cases, murder, robbery, and drugs. James represented **GM**, the private detective at the centre of the NOTW phone hacking scandal and **JS**, the former features editor of NOTW. James represented **Silvio Berlusconi** by live television link from London to his trial in Milan.

Chambers UK rightly describes James as "vastly experienced" in extradition. Notable cases include "The Nat West Three" and the **Tollman** case.

His commercial experience includes appearances before the Commercial Court and in the Court of Appeal Civil division on issues of contempt of court and self-incrimination.

He specialises in acting for third parties in respect of internal investigations, witness summons, SFO s.2 notices and international cooperation (MLA). He has experience of private prosecutions. For some years he acted as outside criminal counsel for **Microsoft**.

Directory recommendations

"Solicitor-friendly and client-friendly, he is just a joy to work with. Intelligent, hard-working and respected". **Chambers UK 2018: Financial Crime**

"Urbane, with a great charm and a commanding presence in court". **The Legal 500 2017: Business & Regulatory Crime**

"Sought out to advise on high-stakes matters. Equally good on paper as he is an advocate, he grasps the essential points remarkably quickly and cuts through the chaff to get to the important points." **Chambers UK 2017: Financial Crime**

"A wonderful advocate with a warmth that endears him to clients." **The Legal 500 2016**

"Highly experienced at assisting Governments and foreign fugitives in various different Courts". **Chambers UK 2017: Extradition**

Education/professional qualifications

LL.B 1981
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Appointments

Queen's Counsel 2015
Serious Fraud Office Queen's Counsel panel 2017

Other information

Committee appointments

Bar Council Ethics Committee Vice Chair (Crime)
Bar Council Direct Access Committee Member
Fraud Lawyers Association Committee member (FLA)

Memberships

Extradition Lawyers Association (ELA)
Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum (DELF)
European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA)
European Fraud & Compliance Lawyers Association (ECFL)
Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)
Private Prosecutors Association (PPA)

Former appointments

Elected and co-opted member of the Criminal Bar Association Committee 2011 - 2018

Elected member of the Bar Council 2011 – 2016

Ethics Committee 2011 to date
International Committee 2013 – 2016
International Rule of Law group 2015
Equality & Diversity Committee 2011 – 2013

Gray's Inn advocacy trainer

Recent Speaking engagements:

Annual Bar Conference 2017 – (*Ethics*)
American Bar Association White Collar Conference 2017 – (*Press relations*)
Fraud Lawyers Association International Conference 2017 – (*Deferred Prosecution Agreements*)
British Academy of Forensic Scientists 2017 – (*Time of Death, Entomology (blowfly & maggots)*)
English Cypriot Law Day 2017 – (*Unexplained Wealth Orders*)
Oxford University 2018 – (*Ivey & Genting Dishonesty*)
Fraud Lawyer Association Interlocutory Conference 2018 (*Extradition, Mutual Legal Assistance*)

Direct access

James Hines QC is qualified to accept instructions direct from clients under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme. This means that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come direct to him. In addition, he welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions direct to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme.

For further information please contact our Clerks.

Notable cases

International/Extradition

Attila Fuzesi and Laszlo Balasz v Budapest Capital Regional Court Hungary

[2018] EWCH 1885 (Admin)
European Arrest Warrants: Reliance on assurances

Guy Jane v Prosecutor General's Office Lithuania

[2018] EWHC 1122 (Admin)
European Arrest Warrants: Article 3 Prison Conditions, Lithuania

James Fox v Public Prosecutor's Office of Frankfurt am Main Germany

[2017] EWHC 3396 (Admin)
European Arrest Warrants: Decision to prosecute

Purcell & Pengal v Public Prosecutor of Antwerp

[2017] EWHC 1981 (Admin)
European Arrest Warrants: Article 3 Prison conditions, Belgium

Belgium v Warren Bartlett

Westminster Magistrates Court 2016
European Arrest Warrants: Adequacy of retrials in Belgium

France v Simanuskas

Westminster Magistrates Court 2016
European Arrest Warrants: Trials in absence

Van de Pijl v Westminster Magistrates' Court

Administrative Court (2015)
Dutch Prosecutors claiming State Immunity from criminal charges

Van de Pijl v Home Secretary

[2014] EWHC 281 (Admin)
Procedures for mutual legal assistance requests

Van de Pijl v Kingston Crown Court

[2013] 1 WLR 2706
Particulars of a Search Warrant

Silvio Berlusconi
2011-2012

United States v Tollman
[2008] EWHC 184 (Admin); [2008] 3 All ER 150

R (on the application of Birmingham) v Director of the Serious Fraud Office
[2007] QB 727; [2007] 2 WLR 635

R (on the application of Birmingham) v Director of the Serious Fraud Office
[2005] EWHC 647

Grant v The Queen
[2004] 2 AC 550

Guisto v Governor of Brixton Prison
[2003] UKHL 19; [2004] 1 AC 101; [2003] 2 WLR 1089

Serious Fraud

Merchant and Mathew v R
Court of Appeal [2018] 1 Cr App R 11
LIBOR – Conspiracy to defraud

Pabon v R
Court of Appeal [2018] EWCA Crim 420
Expert Evidence - LIBOR

R v Peter Hall & others
Teeside Crown Court (2017)
Internet based cybercrime fraud using copycat websites

SFO v Merchant & others
Southwark Crown Court (2015)
The LIBOR prosecution of Barclays employees

SFO v AR
Southwark Crown Court (2014)
International bribery and corruption in the procurement of very large oil and gas construction contracts in Russia

Crime

R v KX
Southwark Crown Court Crown Court (2017)
A private prosecution of a quantitative analyst concerning computerised algorithmic trading

R v ST
Southwark Crown Court (2016)
Bribery and corruption in relation to contracts at the Royal Palaces

R v DR
Winchester Crown Court (2016)
An American accused of murdering his father in 1982 in Paris. Issues of extraterritorial jurisdiction and retrospectivity

R v JL
Oxford Crown Court (2012)
An historic rape case

R v RJ
Reading Crown Court (2011)
An execution-style murder

R v Jones (Margaret)
House of Lords
[2007] 1 AC 136; [2006] 2WLR 772

Proceeds of Crime

Serious Organised Crime Agency v Dr Christopher Agidi
[2011] EWHC 175 (QB); [2011] Lloyd's Rep FC 276
(Also Court of Appeal [2011] EWCA Civ 1350)

Contempt of Court

Islamic Investment Bank Co of the Gulf (Bahamas) v Symphony Gems
Court of Appeal (Civil Division)
[2010] EWCA Civ 709