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Details of practice

The focus of Patrick's criminal practice is financial crime, serious organised crime, and regulatory crime, in which he has acted in a number of complex and high-profile cases. More broadly, his practice, both advocacy and advisory, encompasses international, immigration, EU and asylum law; public and human rights law; inquests and inquiries; contempt; licensing; professional discipline; and civil and quasi-criminal law.

Current Instructions

Patrick's current instructions include:

- Acting for the first defendant in an SFO prosecution alleging corruption of Iraqi government ministers to secure oil contracts in Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein: **SFO v Al Jarah & Others** (led by Alexander Cameron QC).
- Acting for a high profile UK corporation in one of the largest ever criminal regulatory prosecutions: **Agency v X Corporation** (led by Christopher Daw QC).
- Acting for the Electoral Commission in an appeal brought by Leave.EU against alleged breaches of electoral law, arising from the EU Referendum: **Leave.EU v Electoral Commission** (led by Hugo Keith QC).
- Acting for the MPS in human rights/RIPA proceedings before the Investigatory Powers Tribunal, arising from undercover policing: **Kate Wilson v MPS** (led by David Perry QC).

Crime and Regulatory Law

Patrick has particular expertise in the following areas: bribery, corruption and misconduct in public office; serious fraud and money laundering; computer misuse, hacking and data protection; other serious and organised/complex crime; historic sexual offences; and murder.

Recent instructions include:

- HBOS corruption and fraudulent trading (£245m): **R v Mills & Others**;
- Computer hacking of Gordon Ramsay (CMA): **R v Hutcheson & Others**;
- Each of the three criminal strands of the *News International* litigation, including phone hacking at *NOTW*, as part of Operation Weeting (RIPA): **R v Coulson & Others**;
- Historic sexual offences, as part of Operation Yewtree: **R v Max Clifford**;
- Hatton Garden jewellery burglary (£14m): **R v Wood & Others**;
- Payments to public officials on behalf of *The Sun's* Chief Reporter, and Chief Foreign Correspondent, as part of Operation Elveden (misconduct in public office): **R v Kay & Others**;
- **R v Parker & Others**;
- Accessing a Member of Parliament's stolen mobile phone, as part of Operation Tuleta:
R v Parker & Others;
- Drugs supply into London prisons including by privileged legal correspondence;
- Complex POCA proceedings in which the prosecution alleges benefit of c.£16m.

Patrick is also instructed pre-charge to advise private individuals, regulated professionals, and companies in relation to the legality of investigative powers exercised by a range of agencies (arrest, search, seizure, s.2 notices etc.) and in relation to potential criminal, civil, and public law challenges and remedies.

Civil and Quasi-Criminal Law

In addition to his criminal practice, Patrick is experienced in advising on civil proceedings arising from, and associated with, criminal matters, and more generally.

- Patrick has recently been instructed in the defence of wide-ranging civil claim against the MPS (which raised allegations of misfeasance, malicious procurement of a search warrant, trespass, and breaches of the DPA 1998 and HRA).
- Patrick is acting for the MPS in human rights/RIPA proceedings before the Investigatory Powers Tribunal, arising from undercover policing.
- Patrick is currently instructed in the defence of a civil claim against a well-known members' club; and acts in cash forfeiture and condemnation proceedings resisting the forfeiture of vehicles and excise goods to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs; and in relation to civil recovery proceedings.

Contempt Law

Patrick is experienced in bringing, resisting, and purging contempt proceedings, both civil and criminal.

Recent instructions include:

- Civil contempt proceedings brought by Sven-Goran Eriksson against an independent financial adviser in the Chancery Division of the High Court: **Sven-Goran Eriksson v Samir Andreas Khan**;
- Criminal contempt permission proceedings brought in the Commercial Court by Gennadiy Bogolyubov against the claimant in a \$2 billion Commercial Court action: **Gennadiy Bogolyubov v Viktor Pinchuk**;
- Purging contempt in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court ("Solicitors from Hell" case): **Beach v QRS**.

Extradition, International, Immigration, EU, and Asylum Law

Patrick is experienced in extradition, international, immigration, EU and asylum law:

- He acts on behalf of requesting states and requested persons in extradition cases, and advises on cross-border evidence gathering, mutual legal assistance, and the repatriation of prisoners;
- He is instructed on behalf of the UK Border Agency ("UKBA") in relation to immigration, EU, and human rights appeals brought in the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber);
- Patrick assisted in drafting observations on behalf of Abu Hamza before the European Court of Human Rights in response to the United Kingdom's observations following **Mustafa (aka Abu Hamza) v United Kingdom (Admissibility) (36742/08) (2010) 51 EHRR SE6**;
- He has recently assisted *pro bono* in the successful delisting applications before the UN Ombudsperson for individuals on the UN Security Council Al-Qaida sanctions list: **In re D, T & A**.

Public and Administrative Law, Inquests, and Inquiries

- Patrick was recently instructed with Richard Horwell QC in the inquiry established by the Home Secretary to examine the circumstances in which a lengthy trial of 13 police officers collapsed on disclosure grounds (the officers were alleged to have perverted the course of justice in the investigation into the murder of Lynette White in the 1980s which led to the prosecution of the "Cardiff Five" and the Court of Appeal judgment in **R v Paris (R v Mouncher & Others)**);
- Before coming to the Bar, Patrick was employed in the legal department of the civil liberties and human rights organisation, **Liberty**, where he advised on all aspects of the HRA and on matters concerning data protection and privacy, employment, inquests, discrimination, prisons, police powers, and peaceful protest;
- Before coming to the Bar, Patrick also worked on the **Bloody Sunday Inquiry** for which he obtained "developed vetting" ("DV") security clearance;
- During pupillage, he gained experience of inquests and public inquiries, including in particular: deaths in custody; the **Baha Mousa Inquiry**; and the inquest into the death of Ian Tomlinson;
- He has experience of assisting in the research and preparation of judicial review claims and responses, particularly those arising in the context of search warrants and police powers, interference with prisoners' correspondence, and categorisation and allocation of prisoners in the context of changes of gender under the Gender Recognition Act 2004.

Professional Discipline

Patrick has acted for professionals facing proceedings before a wide variety of disciplinary tribunals, including those before the Architects Registration Board and the Bar Standards Board.

Licensing Law

Patrick has experience of advising and appearing in licensing matters on appeal in the Magistrates' Courts, and in the field of regulatory enforcement including food safety and hygiene, fire safety, and taxi licensing.

Education/professional qualifications

BA Hons (Cantab)
M.Phil (Cantab) (Distinction)
Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)
Bar Vocational Course (Outstanding)
Walter Wigglesworth Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn, 2010)
Buchanan Prize (Lincoln's Inn, 2009)
Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn, 2008)
Lord Brougham Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn, 2007)
Hardwicke Entrance Award (Lincoln's Inn, 2007)
Simón Bolívar Scholarship (Cambridge University, Centre of Latin American Studies, 2005)
Foundation Scholarship (Cambridge University, Jesus College, 2004 and 2006)
Benefactor's Prize (Cambridge University, Jesus College, 2004)
College Prize (Cambridge University, Jesus College, 2004)
College Exhibition (Cambridge University, Jesus College, 2003)

Professional memberships

Lincoln's Inn
Young Fraud Lawyers Association
Criminal Bar Association
Extradition Lawyers Association
Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum
Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers

Direct access

Patrick Hill 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.

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Notable cases

Regulatory

Agency v X Corporation

2018-2019, Southwark Crown Court
Representing high profile UK corporation in one of the largest ever criminal regulatory prosecutions.
Led by Christopher Daw QC.

Bribery, Corruption and Misconduct in Public Office

R v Basil Al Jarah & Others (Unaoil)

2018-2019, Southwark Crown Court
Allegation of conspiracy to corrupt Iraqi government ministers and others to secure oil contracts. Led by Alexander Cameron QC.

R v John Kay & Others (Operation Elveden)

2014-2015, Central Criminal Court
Represented the first defendant John Kay, *The Sun's* Chief Reporter. Allegation of conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office by paying a Ministry of Defence official £100,000. Led by Trevor Burke QC.

R v Nick Parker & Others (Operations Elveden, Tuleta)

2014, Central Criminal Court
Represented the first defendant Nick Parker, *The Sun's* Chief Foreign Correspondent. Allegations of aiding and abetting misconduct in public office by paying a police officer and prison officer, and handling/unlawfully accessing an MP's stolen phone. Led by Trevor Burke QC.

Serious Fraud and Money Laundering

R v David Mills & Others (Operation Hornet)

2016-2017, Southwark Crown Court (5 months)
Allegation of corruption of RBS banker and £245 million fraudulent trading, and laundering the proceeds. Led by Alexander Cameron QC.

R v Lee Reid

2017, Southwark Crown Court
Allegation of mortgage frauds. Confiscation appeal reported at [2018] EWCA Crim 628. Led by Tim Owen QC.

Computer and Phone Hacking

R v Chris Hutcheson & Others (Operation Kerville)

2017, Central Criminal Court
Represented Managing Director of Gordon Ramsay Holdings Ltd ("GRHL"). Allegation of hacking into computer system of GRHL and email accounts including those of Gordon Ramsay and Tana Ramsay.

R v Nick Parker & Others (Operation Tuleta)

2014, Central Criminal Court
Represented the first defendant Nick Parker, *The Sun's* Chief Foreign Correspondent. Allegation of handling/unlawfully accessing an MP's stolen phone. Led by Trevor Burke QC.

R v Andrew Coulson & Ors (Operation Weeting)

2013, Central Criminal Court
Represented Greg Miskiw, the *News of the World's* News Editor. Allegations of unlawful access to voicemail messages ("phone hacking"). Led by Trevor Burke QC.

Other Serious and Organised/Complex Crime

R v X

2018, Blackfriars Crown Court
Represented defendant alleged to have smuggled drugs into London prisons including by legally privileged correspondence.

R v Carl Wood & Others (Hatton Garden Burglary)

2015, Woolwich Crown Court
Represented the first defendant Carl Wood. Allegation of £14 million conspiracy to steal jewellery from a secure vault in Hatton Garden, London's jewellery quarter, and laundering the proceeds. Led by Nicholas Corsellis.

R v Max Clifford (Operation Yewtree)

2014, Southwark Crown Court
Represented Max Clifford. Allegations of historic sexual assault. Led by Richard Horwell QC.

R v James Lock

2014, Romford Magistrates' Court
Represented James Lock, who plays "Lockie" on *The Only Way Is Essex*. Allegations of drugs possession.

Murder

R v M

2018, Leicester Crown Court
Represented first defendant in cut throat trial involving complex pathology evidence. Led by Jason Bartfield QC.

R v K

2017, Nottingham Crown Court
Represented sole defendant in a case involving complex psychiatric and expert evidence, including in relation to the impact of PTSD on formation of specific intent. Led by Michael Borrelli QC.

Investigations/Inquiries

Moucher

2015-2017, "QC-led inquiry" led by Richard Horwell QC
Investigation established by Home Secretary to examine collapse of trial of 13 police officers who in the 1980s had investigated the notorious murder of Lynette White which led to the prosecution of the "Cardiff Five".

Contempt

Gennadiy Bogolyubov v Viktor Pinchuk

2015, Commercial Court
Represented Gennadiy Bogolyubov. Application for permission to bring committal proceedings for contempt of court against Viktor Pinchuk, the claimant in a \$2 billion Commercial Court action. Led by James Lewis QC.

Daniel Beach v QRS

2015, Queen's Bench Division, High Court
Represented Daniel Beach. Application to discharge contempt ("purge") following committal for 16 breaches of court orders directed at preventing harassment of a firm of solicitors.

Sven-Goran Eriksson v Samir Andreas Khan

2013, Chancery Division, High Court
Represented Samir Khan. Application to commit Sven Goran Eriksson's independent financial adviser for 81 alleged breaches of a freezing order. Led by James Lewis QC.

Extradition, International

In re D, T & A

2012-2013, UN Ombudsperson

Represented individuals on the UN Security Council Al-Qaida sanctions list in delisting applications before the UN Ombudsperson. Instructed by the European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights. With Rachel Barnes.

Dhar v National Office of the Public Prosecution Service the Netherlands

[2012] EWHC 697 (Admin)

Appeal against extradition order. Led by Simon Farrell QC.

Mustafa (aka Abu Hamza) v United Kingdom

2010, European Court of Human Rights

Drafted observations on behalf of Abu Hamza. Assisting Ben Brandon.