

## Ryan Dowding



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### Details of practice

Ryan joined Three Raymond Buildings following successful completion of his pupillage. He is developing a practice across Chambers' main areas of expertise, with a particular interest in crime, licensing and regulatory work and public law.

#### General and Financial Crime

Ryan regularly appears in the Magistrates' Courts and the Crown Court. He has prosecuted and defended in cases involving a range of offences, including GBH (s.20), assault, battery, fraud, theft, money laundering, motoring and drugs offences. Recent instructions include acting as a court appointed advocate in the Crown Court to represent the interests of a defendant in an application by the Crown Prosecution Service for a post-acquittal restraining order. The application, successfully resisted, followed the quashing of the defendant's conviction by the Court of Appeal and the case involved detailed cross-examination of a sexual assault complainant.

In addition to prosecuting for the Crown Prosecution Service, Ryan frequently appears for Transport for London and the National Probation Service.

Prior to joining Chambers, Ryan spent a year working in the bribery and corruption division of the Serious Fraud Office on a long-running investigation into a former FTSE 100 company. He continues to maintain a keen interest in financial crime and during his pupillage he assisted one of the defence teams in a major insider dealing trial brought by the Financial Conduct Authority. He also has experience working on the first raft of Account Freezing Order applications brought by the National Crime Agency and the Metropolitan Police Service.

#### Confiscation Proceedings

Ryan recently acted for a defendant in confiscation proceedings at Bournemouth Crown Court following his conviction for possession with intent to supply cocaine. He obtained a substantial reduction in the benefit figure based on submissions as to the appropriate means of valuing the drugs.

#### Licensing/Regulatory

Ryan has begun to develop a broad practice in licensing matters and has experience advising on licensing issues. He is regularly instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service in review proceedings and recently acted in a successful application for revocation of the Premises Licence in respect of the Phoenix Snooker Club following a violent disturbance in which two people were shot and a third stabbed with a pool cue.

Ryan regularly appears for Transport for London in licensing appeals in the magistrates' courts.

During pupillage Ryan gained experience in police discipline matters both at first instance and on appeal to the Police Appeals Tribunal.

#### Civil

Ryan is frequently instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service both to advise on and appear in applications for civil preventative orders, including Closure Orders, Sexual Risk Orders and Sexual Harm Prevention Orders.

He also appears for the defence and recently successfully resisted an application by Surrey Police for a Domestic Violence Prevention Order against a serving police officer.

#### Extradition

Ryan has appeared on behalf of requested persons in extradition cases in the Magistrates' Courts. He also has experience advising on and assisting with appeals to the Administrative Court.

#### Other work

During pupillage, Ryan assisted in the preparation of objections to an individual's appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council against his extradition to the United States for his alleged involvement in a multi-billion dollar Ponzi scheme.

Ryan also gained experience of contempt proceedings and assisted in a successful application to the Commercial Court by a Nigerian businessman to 'purge' his contempt.

## Education/professional qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course (Outstanding)  
University of Sussex, LLM in International Human Rights Law (Distinction)  
University of Sussex, LLB (Hons) (First Class, second in year)

### Scholarships/Prizes

Certificate of Honour (Middle Temple, 2017)  
Queen Mother Scholarship (Middle Temple, 2016)  
Blackstone Entrance Exhibition (Middle Temple, 2016)  
Excellence Scholarship (BPP, 2016)  
Joint award for Highest Mark on an LLM Dissertation (University of Sussex, 2017)  
Magna Carta Moot – Winner (Inner Temple, 2016)  
International Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition – Semi-Finalist (Symbiosis Law School, India, 2016)  
Best Performance on the Final Year of the LLB (University of Sussex, 2015)  
Inner Temple Intervarsity Moot – Winner (2015)  
Blackstone's National Criminal Advocacy Competition – Semi-Finalist and Best Overall Advocate (2014)  
First Generation Scholarship (University of Sussex, 2013)

## Publications

'Absent-Mindedness - The Alstom Appeal and the Future of the Identification Principle' (YFLA Summer Newsletter, 2019)

'The Case of Jimenez – Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in a Post-KBR World' (YFLA Spring Newsletter, 2019)

'A Little Help From my Friends: Why Sajid Javid's Letter may have Broken the Law' (Guest Post, The Secret Barrister, August 2018)

## Other information

Before coming to the Bar, Ryan completed his LLM in International Human Rights Law at the University of Sussex. During his time at university, he co-founded Your Rights Matter: a small organisation which published articles online and visited schools and colleges to teach students about human rights law. He also carried out work for the Free Representation Unit. The following year, alongside studying for his BPTC, Ryan taught the law of evidence and criminal procedure to undergraduates. He also volunteered to assist with projects including Vocalise through which he and other BPTC students led debating classes for inmates at prisons around London.

### Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association  
Young Fraud Lawyers Association