

## Hugo Keith QC

Call: 1989 / QC: 2009



Hugo Keith QC is recognised as one of the legal profession's leading QC's and is described as 'a fabulous silk' and as having 'an outstanding reputation'.

He was named as one of the UK's 'Stars at the Bar' in the Chambers and Partners 2015 guide to the UK Bar, and is currently top ranked in six practice areas.

He was a member of the 'A' Panel of civil Treasury Counsel for 8 years, during which time he regularly appeared on matters of public and criminal law both on behalf of Government departments and as *amicus curiae* before the High Court, Court of Appeal and House of Lords. He has appeared in 15 cases before the House of Lords/Supreme Court. He won the Chambers and Partners award for criminal barrister of the year 2008, and took silk in 2009.

As well as his regular appearances in the High Court and Supreme Court, he has been instructed in some of the most high profile cases of recent years. He represented **The Queen in the Inquest into the death of Diana, Princess of Wales**, and **Malcolm Calvert** in the Cazenove inside dealing case. He was appointed leading Counsel to the Inquests into the London Bombings of **7 July 2005** and, subsequently, appeared in the **Leveson Inquiry** on behalf of Rebekah Brooks. He appeared in the **Mark Duggan**, **Alexander Litvinenko** and **Westminster** inquests, and represented the Home Secretary in the **EI-Gizouli** judicial review (concerning MLA relating to one of the 'Jihadi Beatles') and the Electoral Commission in its proceedings against **Leave.EU**. He has just concluded the **Airbus** Deferred Prosecution Agreement.

Hugo is instructed by companies, high net-worth individuals, and politically exposed persons

relating to all aspects of extradition (including advising on Interpol and on international restraint), international criminal/corporate liability, sanctions and criminal judicial review. His extradition and MLA cases include the leading and high profile cases of **Berezovsky**, **US v Bermingham (the Natwest Three)**, **Abu Hamza**, **Gary McKinnon**, **Shrien Dewani**, **David Kezerashvili** and **Hamdi Ipek**.

In the field of financial and international crime, he advised on the UK's first Deferred Prosecution Agreement (**Standard Bank Plc**) and appeared in the two most recent DPAs (**Guralp Systems Limited** and **Airbus**). He has been involved on behalf of individuals or corporate bodies in a large number of the SFO's highest profile investigations of recent years: **LIBOR**, **EURIBOR**, **FOREX**, **Alstom**, **Autonomy**, **Rolls Royce**, **Tesco**, and **Unaoil**.

He is an expert on search and seizure, restraint and confiscation, and appeared in the leading cases of **Rawlinson & Hunter Trustees and Others** (search warrants), **Golfrate** (search warrant), **Malabu Oil and Gas** (international MLA restraint) and **SFO v Zlochevsky** (restraint against overseas Minister).

He is a renowned appellate advocate, and has appeared in a significant number of leading criminal cases in the UK higher courts. He has appeared twice in the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, most recently in the appeal concerning the former Chief Secretary of Hong Kong.

## Extradition & International Mutual Legal Assistance

Hugo is instructed by companies, high net-worth individuals, and politically exposed persons relating to all aspects of extradition (including advising on Interpol and on international restraint), as well as international criminal/corporate liability, sanctions and criminal judicial review. He is one of most sought after silks in this field.

### Notable Extradition & International Mutual Legal Assistance cases

- **Berezovsky**
- **US v Bermingham (Natwest Three)**
- **Abu Hamza**
- **Victor Kozeny**
- **Gary McKinnon**

- **Shrien Dewani**
- **Dmitry Firtash**
- **Bill Browder**
- **Mykola Zlochevsky**
- **Andrey Votinov**
- **Egor Shuppe**
- **David Kezerashvili**
- **Hamdi Ipek**
- **Surjan Singh**
- **Arif Naqvi**
- **JP Morgan**
- **Berlusconi and Mills**
- **Akarcay**
- **Elgizouli (the 'ISIS Beatle' case)**
- **Unaenergy**

## **Financial & International Crime (Individuals & Corporates)**

In the field of financial and international crime, Hugo advised on the UK's first Deferred Prosecution Agreement (Standard Bank Plc) and has been involved on behalf of, or otherwise defended, individuals or corporate bodies in most of the SFO's high profile investigations of recent years.

### **Notable Financial & International Crime (Individuals & Corporates) cases**

- **Autonomy/Hewlett Packard**

- **LIBOR**
- **Guralp Systems Limited**
- **Swift (Nigeria)**
- **Tesco**
- **Barclays/Qatar**
- **EURIBOR**
- **FOREX**
- **Unaoil**
- **Airbus**

## Criminal / Regulatory

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### Notable Criminal / Regulatory cases

- **Financial Services Authority v Calvert**  
Insider dealing.
- **Torex**  
Misstatement of accounts.
- **Rebekah Brooks**
- **HKSAR v SZE Mei Mun**  
HKSAR appeal concerning prosecution disclosure.
- **R v Ferdinand**  
Overseas corruption.
- **Serious Fraud Office v Zlochevsky**  
Restraint of assets; Ukrainian Minister.

- **Malabu Oil & Gas Ltd v DPP**  
Restraint of assets; Nigerian Minister.
- **R v HKSAR v Kwan Francis**  
HKSAR corruption appeal.

## Inquests & Public Inquiries

He has appeared in many of the UK's most important inquest proceedings and public inquiries.

### Notable Inquests & Public Inquiries cases

- **Diana, Princess of Wales**
- **7/7 Bombings**
- **Mark Duggan**
- **Alexander Litvinenko**
- **The Westminster Terrorist Attack Inquests**

## Public & Administrative Law

Hugo was a member of the 'A' Panel of civil Treasury Counsel for 8 years, during which time he regularly appeared on matters of public and criminal law both on behalf of Government departments and as *amicus curiae* before the High Court, Court of Appeal and House of Lords. He has appeared in 14 cases before the House of Lords/Supreme Court. He is still regularly instructed in public law cases.

### Notable Public & Administrative Law cases

- **R (Akarcay) v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire [2017] EWHC 159 (Admin); [2017] 2 WLUK 128**  
International MLA.
- **R (Duggan) v Assistant Deputy Coroner for the Northern District of Greater London Court of Appeal [2017] EWCA Civ 142; [2017] 1 WLR 2199**  
Judicial review of Coroner's directions.

- **R (Unaenergy Group Holding Pte Ltd) v Director of the Serious Fraud Office [2017] EWHC 600 (Admin); [2017] 1 WLR 3302**  
Judicial review of SFO in relation to MLA request.
- **R (Birks) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2018] 4 WLUK 159**  
Judicial review arising out of police misconduct proceedings.
- **R (El Gizouli) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2019] EWHC 60 (Admin); [2019] 1 WLUK 111**  
JR of MLA.

## Notable Cases

### **Attorney General v MGN Ltd**

[1997] 1 All ER 456 (contempt by newspapers)

### **Nicholls v Nicholls**

[1997] 1 WLR 314 (committal orders in family proceedings)

### **R v Secretary of State ex parte Furber**

1998 1 Cr App R 208 (juvenile offenders)

### **R v Stratford Youth Court ex parte S**

[1998] 1 WLR 1758 (youth courts)

### **R v CICB ex parte Moore**

[1999] 2 All ER 90 (compensation)

### **R v CICB ex parte K**

[1999] QB 1131 (compensation)

### **R v St Helens Justices ex parte Jones**

[1999] 2 All ER 73 (default fines)

### **Elias Gale v CE**

[1999] STC 66 (Vat)

### **Cowan v MPC CA**

[2000] 1 All ER 504 (legality of police powers)

### **R v Manchester Stipendiary Magistrate ex parte Granada HL**

[2000] 1 AC 300 (legality of cross-border warrant)

### **R (A) v CICAP**

[2001] QB 774 (compensation)

**R (Bulger) v Secretary of State**

[2001] 3 All ER 449 (challenge to Home Secretary's tariff in Bulger case)

**R v CICAP ex parte Brown**

[2001] 2 WLR 1452 (compensation)

**R (DPP) v Redbridge Youth Court**

[2001] 4 All ER 411 (admissibility of child video recording)

**R (DPP) v Acton Youth Court**

[2001] 1 WLR 1828 (disclosure of PII material in Magistrates' Courts)

**R (August) v CICAP**

CA [2001] 2 WLR 1452 (compensation)

**R (Stevens) v Truro Magistrates Court**

[2002] 1 WLR 144 (Securities in criminal proceedings)

**R (IRC) v Kingston**

[2001] 4 All ER 721 (judicial review of Crown Court)

**AG v Ebert**

[2002] 2 All ER 789 (vexatious litigants)

**R (Percy) v DPP Times**

(2002) 166 JP 93 (public order/ECHR)

**Wilkinson v Lord Chancellor**

CA [2003] 1 WLR 1254 CA (guidelines on contempt)

**R v Spear HL**

[2003] 1 AC 734 (court-martial system)

**A-G's Ref (No 2 of 2001) HL**

[2004] 2 AC 72 (whether breach of Art 6 requires stay)

**R (Mullen) v SSHD HL**

[2005] 1 AC 1 (statutory and ex gratia compensation)

**R (Williamson) v Sec State Education HL**

[2005] 2 AC 246 (corporal punishment/ECHR)

**R (CPS) v SE Surrey Youth Court**

[2006] 1 WLR 2543 (dangerous offenders)

**R (Bermingham) v SFO**

[2007] QB 727 (the “Natwest Three”)

**Ward v Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis HL**

[2005] 2 WLR 1114 (legality of mental health warrant)

**R v Van Hoogstraten**

[2006] EWHC 1315 (Ch) (Article 6)

**Ayliffe v DPP HL**

[2007] 1 AC (war protestors)

**R (USA) v Bow St**

[2007] 1 WLR 1157 (disclosure in extradition)

**R (Bermingham and Others) v SFO and AG DC**

[2007] 727 (Enron litigation)

**R (Pereira) v Inner South London Coroner**

[2007] 1 WLR 3256 (judicial review of the De Menezes inquest)

**R (Da Silva) DPP**

DC [2006] EWHC 3204 (Admin) (Stockwell shooting judicial review)

**DPP v Haw**

[2008] 1 WLR 379 (demonstration outside Parliament)

**Tollman v Govt of USA**

DC [2008] 3 All ER 150 (Extradition passage of time)

**Pilecki v Poland HL**

[2008] 1 WLR 325 (Extradition EAW's)

**Abu Hamza v USA**

[2008] 1 WLR 2760 (extradition of terrorist suspect)

**R (Harris) v Secretary of State**

[2009] 2 All ER 1 (compensation in miscarriage of justice case)

**R (Securicor) v SIA**

[2009] 2 All ER 211 (judicial review of Security Industry Authority)

**R (Corner House) v SFO HL**

[2008] 3 WLR 568 (SFO investigation into BAe)

**AF v SSHD (No 3) HL**

[2010] 2 AC 269 (Control Orders)



**R (Perinpanathan) v City of Westminster Magistrates Court**

CA [2010] 1 WLR 1508 (costs of public authorities)

**R (Secretary of State) v Inner West London Assistant Deputy Coroner**

[2011] 1 WLR 2564

**Superintendent of Her Majesty's Foxhill Prison PC**

[2012] UKPC 10

**Rozanski v Poland SC**

[2012] 1 WLR 1604 (extradition)

**HH and PH v Deputy Prosecutor of the Italian Republic, Genoa SC**

[2012] UKSC 25 (extradition)

**JP Morgan Chase Bank National Association v Director of the Serious Fraud Office**

[2012] Lloyd's Red FC 655 (mutual legal assistance)

**R (Rawlinson and Hunter Trustees) v Central Criminal Court**

[2013] 1 WLR 1634 (search warrants)

**R (Tajik) v City of Westminster Magistrates' Court**

[2013] 1 WLR 2283 (extradition)

**Zakrzewski v Poland SC**

[2013] 1 WLR 324 (extradition)

**R v Austin (Herbert Charles)**

[2014] 1 WLR 1045 (PII; abuse of process)

**R v J**

[2014] 1 Cr App R 21 (corruption)

**South Africa v Dewani**

[2014] 1 WLR 3220 (extradition)

**R (Golfrate Property Management Ltd) v Southwark Crown Court**

[2014] 2 Cr App R 12

**SSHD v CC**

[2014] 3 All ER 760 (control orders)

**Puceviciene v Lithuanian Judicial Authority**

[2016] 1 WLR 4937 (extradition)

**R (Akarcay) v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire**

[2017] EWHC 159 (Admin); [2017] 2 WLUK 128 (international MLA)

**R (Duggan) v Assistant Deputy Coroner for the Northern District of Greater London Court of Appeal**

[2017] EWCA Civ 142; [2017] 1 WLR 2199 (judicial review of Coroner's directions)

**R (Unaenergy Group Holding Pte Ltd) v Director of the Serious Fraud Office**

[2017] EWHC 600 (Admin); [2017] 1 WLR 3302 (judicial review of SFO in relation to MLA request)

**Mueller v HM Area Coroner for Manchester West**

[2017] EWHC 3000 (Admin); [2017] 11 WLUK 530 (Coroner's powers)

**R (Birks) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis**

[2018] 4 WLUK 159 (judicial review arising out of police misconduct proceedings)

**R (El Gizouli) v Secretary of State for the Home Department**

[2019] EWHC 60 (Admin); [2019] 1 WLUK 111 (JR of MLA)

## Education

- MA Hons Magdalen College, Oxford
- Elected Member of the Bar Council 1995-1998

## Appointments

- Member of Treasury "B" Panel 1995
- Member of Treasury "A" Panel 2001
- Queen's Counsel 2009
- Bencher of Gray's Inn 2013
- He is a Special Advocate in control order proceedings under the PTA 2005

## Accreditations

