

James Hines QC

Call: 1982 / QC: 2015



James Hines QC has been practising in large scale commercial fraud, crime and extradition, both prosecuting and defending for over 35 years.

He specialises in cases which have both criminal and commercial/civil aspects particularly those with an international element.

James has conducted numerous Serious Fraud Office trials. For 25 years he exclusively appeared for the defence and provided strategic advice to clients during the investigation stage. In April 2015 he was instructed by the SFO to lead the prosecution in the LIBOR trial of Barclay employees.

James both prosecutes and defends in Financial Conduct Authority cases and for the Competition and Markets Authority on competition and cartel matters. In crime he has acted in areas including international money laundering, corruption, historic rape cases, murder, robbery, and drugs.

His commercial experience includes appearances before the Commercial Court and in the Court of Appeal Civil division.

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Notable clients include Silvio Berlusconi (by live television link from London to his trial in Milan).

For some years he acted as outside criminal counsel for the Microsoft Corporation.

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International/Extradition

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Notable International/Extradition cases

- **Ivica Todoric v County State Attorney's Office in Zagreb, Croatia**
High Court 2018
Chairman of the Board of Agrokor, the largest privately-owned company in Croatia.
- **United States v Tollman**
[2008] EWHC 184 (Admin); [2008] 3 All ER 150
The seminal case on abuse of process
- **R (on the application of Bermingham) v Director of the Serious Fraud Office**
[2007] QB 727; [2007] 2 WLR 635
The Nat West Three

Serious Fraud

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He was appointed to the Queen's Counsel panel for the Serious Fraud Office in 2015.

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Notable Serious Fraud cases

- **R v Peter Hall & other**
Teeside Crown Court (2017)
Internet based cybercrime fraud using copycat website.
- **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

James for the Competition and Markets Authority on competition and cartel matters. He has acted in areas including international money laundering, corruption, historic rape cases, murder, robbery, and drugs.

Notable Crime cases

- **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).

Proceeds of Crime

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Notable Proceeds of Crime cases

- **R v DF, FH, JG, PB & KZ**

November 2019

Prosecution of 5 defendants for money laundering involving \$7million worth of Venezuelan Gold through the Cayman Island.

- **R v CW & BB - February 2020**

Laundering the proceeds of \$1.5 million stolen from Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Football Associations, through the Accounts of Cayman Islands Football Association.

- **Serious Organised Crime Agency v Dr Christopher Agid**
[2011] EWHC 175 (QB); [2011] Lloyd's Rep FC 276
(Also Court of Appeal [2011] EWCA Civ 1350)
Abuse of process in Civil recovery

Notable Cases

International / Extradition

Turkey v Ipek & Others

2019

Alleged Gulenists

Vica Todoric v County State Attorney's Office in Zagreb, Croatia [High Court]

2018

Chairman of the Board of Agrokor, the largest privately-owned company in Croatia.

Attila Fuzesi and Laszlo Balasz v Budapest Capital Regional Court Hungary

[2018] EWCH 1885 (Admin)

European Arrest Warrants: Reliance on assurances

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 Bermingham) v Director of the Serious Fraud Office

[2007] QB 727; [2007] 2 WLR 635

R (on the application of Bermingham) v Director of the Serious Fraud Office

[2005] EWHC 647

Serious Fraud

Merchant & 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]

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2016

An American accused of murdering his father in 1982 in Paris. Issues of extraterritorial jurisdiction and retrospectivity

R v RJ [Reading Crown Court]

2011

An execution-style murder

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Serious Organised Crime Agency v Dr Christopher Agidi

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Contempt of Court

Islamic Investment Bank Co of the Gulf (Bahamas) v Symphony Gems Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

[2010] EWCA Civ 709

Memberships

James is a member of the following organisations and associations:

- 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)

Education

- James was Called to the Bar in Gray's Inn in July 1982
- He was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2015
- He was appointed to the Queen's Counsel panel for the Serious Fraud Office in 2015
- He was elected a Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn in 2019.

Publications

Recent speaking and training engagements:

2019

- Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, Cayman Islands – (Money Laundering)
- Fraud Lawyers Association International Conference – (Communications between Prosecutors and defenders)

2018

- Oxford University 2018 – (Ivey & Genting Dishonesty)
- Fraud Lawyer Association – International Conference 2018 (Extradition, Mutual Legal Assistance)

2017

- Bar Council of England & Wales – 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))
- Bar Council of England & Wales – English Cypriot Law Day 2017 – (Unexplained Wealth Orders)

Appointments

- Vice Chair (Crime) of the Ethics Committee of the Bar council of England and Wales
- Elected Committee member of Fraud Lawyers Association

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

Accreditations

