



John Hardy QC

Call: 1988 / QC: 2008

Since taking silk, John Hardy QC has been instructed in a number of lengthy and complex fraud prosecutions as well as continuing his criminal practice, particularly in extradition where his expertise spans over 15 years.

John has appeared in a number of cases in the House of Lords as a junior (twice as leading junior), and has since appeared on several occasions in the Supreme Court.

John makes frequent appearances in the Divisional and Administrative Courts representing both foreign governments and defendants in extradition appeals, as well as prosecuting authorities and defendants in domestic judicial reviews and cases stated.

He appears for both prosecution and defence in major criminal trials and has extensive experience in money laundering and fraud cases. He is experienced in disciplinary tribunal work (for example the GMC and police discipline cases) and has significant expertise in dealing with regulatory offences.

John is also in demand as an expert witness on matters of United Kingdom extradition law, and the criminal law of England and Wales in foreign jurisdictions, as well as being a regular contributor to lectures and seminars around the world. He has given evidence in a murder case in the Supreme Court of British Columbia in Vancouver, as well as in the Dublin District Court. He has given presentations, lectures, and addresses on a wide variety of subjects, including extradition, constitutional law, and general crime with an emphasis on bribery and corruption, and money-laundering, in (amongst others) Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ghana, Lithuania, Macao, Spain, and Ukraine.

John is also experienced in cases which have a civil dimension. He has recently cocompleted Supreme Court proceedings in Dublin relating to a civil confiscation process, and has also appeared in contested trials in the Family Division of the High Court. He has also been instructed in a major civil action in a case against a United Kingdom Police Force.

Crime

Notable Crime cases

- **R v Mandair [1995] 1 AC 208**
- **Security Industry Authority v Sabrewatch Limited & Ors**
[Regulatory prosecution.]
- **R v AH**
[Defended a barrister who was acquitted after being accused of defrauding the HMRC of over £210,000 for failing to make VAT returns or payments over the course of seven years.]

Extradition

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- **Calderelli v Court of Naples [2008] UKHL 51**
- **In re Burke [2001] 1 AC 422**
- **In re Ismail [1999] 1 AC 230**
- **R v Governor of Belmarsh Prison, Ex parte Gilligan; R v Governor of Exeter Prison, Ex parte Ellis [2001] 1 AC 84**
- **Re Proulx [2001] 1 All ER 57**
- **R (Guisto) v Governor of Brixton Prison & The United States of America [2004] 1 AC 101**
- **Bermingham & Ors v Government of USA & SSHD [2006] 3 All ER 239**
- **Lukaszewski v District Court in Torun, Poland [2012] UKSC 20**
- **Zakrzewski v Regional Court in Lodz, Poland [2013] UKSC 2**
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Education

- Diploma in Law
- BA Hons, Magdalen College, Oxford

Appointments

- Recorder of the Crown Courts 2002
- Queen's Counsel 2008
- Appointed to the SFO Prosecution List 2013

Other Information

Facilitator at Bar Council Human Rights Courses.

Regularly appears on TV and radio discussing matters of international criminal law and has appeared as a guest speaker in many jurisdictions.

Accreditations

