

Richard Atchley

Call: 1977



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Crime

Richard is a highly experienced criminal jury advocate who specialises in sexual offences. He is Ticketed to try sexual offences in the crown court as a recorder.

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Professional Discipline

Richard has a substantial and sustained Metropolitan Police Discipline practice, stretching back to the days of Tintagel house and continuing as a very frequent visitor to ESB.

He has represented officers across a very wide range of discipline offences, including death in custody, dishonesty, assaults sexual and otherwise and from misuse of phones to dishonesty and perverting the course of justice.

He also regularly represents officers from other forces.

Inquests & Inquiries

Richard has conducted many inquests over the years. He has represented parents, car drivers, train drivers, police officers, and commercial firms at all stages throughout the inquest proceedings.

Notable Cases

Babar Ahmed

Represented the primary TSG officer charged with assaulting Babar Ahmed whilst arresting him as a suspect terrorist. Despite a plethora of medical evidence – all four officers acquitted

William Wilson

Again, first on the indictment for TSG Sgt Wilson in the “whistle blowing” case involving allegations of racially aggravated assault in the rear of a TSG van. Despite the allegations being made and supported by a fellow officer – all acquitted

Inquest of PC Toms

Represented CO 19 Officers A and B in the inquest into the death of a fellow fire arms officer

PC Anna Glynn

Following an in depth surveillance-led inquiry within a police station – successfully represented an officer charged with perverting the course of Justice

PC Tim Green

Successfully represented this TSG officer charged with assault on door staff in a night club in Norwich following a Metropolitan Police Rugby match

Peter Clayton

Represented this Suffolk music teacher charged with a sexual relationship with a female pupil

Suzanne Harrison

Represented a geography teacher charged with a sexual assault on a female pupil

Operation Principle

R v Ian Dixon

Leading counsel representing the main defendant in a 43 count armed robbery and weapons indictment involving cash in transit robberies over three years

Team Waste Southern Ltd

Represented the company in a health and safety prosecution following the death of a pedestrian hit by a refuse lorry in the Brighton Lanes

Directory Recommendations

“His courage and initiative takes cases in satisfying directions.” **Legal 500 2019: Police Law**

“He is superb and particularly wonderful when it comes to complex cases.” “He can be positive even in difficult circumstances and he’s fearless in court.” “He has this lovely, laid-back presentation style.” “His clients love him to bits and he’s completely unflappable.” **Chambers UK 2017: Professional Discipline**

“He produces beautifully pitched advocacy and really pays attention to what’s going on around him.” **Chambers UK 2016: Professional Discipline**

“He is conscientious, hard-working and realistic in the way he approaches cases.” **Chambers UK 2015: Professional Discipline**

“A highly regarded criminal lawyer who has developed a successful professional discipline practice.” “He has a very nice manner, is very personable, and comes across as being generous and reasonable.” “He is a tough opponent.” **Chambers UK 2014: Professional Discipline**

“The formidably bright Richard Atchley has a very strong following.” **Legal 500 2009**

“Richard Atchley strikes the right balance between aggressive advocacy when required, and smoothing proceedings when things can get difficult.” **Legal 500 2008**

Appointments

- Ticketed to try serious sexual offences (2007)
- Recorder of the Crown Courts (2002)

Accreditations



Privacy Statement

I, Richard Atchley, am a data controller and can be contacted at 3 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5BH or by telephone on 020 7400 6400 or by email at richard.atchley@3rblaw.com. My Data Protection Policy can be found below.

All personal data that I process is for the purposes of providing legal services through solicitors and the courts, occasional marketing, defending potential defendants facing Criminal and or Discipline charges, legal proceedings arising from those primary concerns or fee disputes, keeping anti-money laundering records, training other barristers and pupils and when providing work-shadowing opportunities, and/or exercising a right to a lien. The types of data I process vary upon the nature of the legal matter in relation to which I am engaged to advise, but can include names, contact details, biographic details and 'special category personal data' (such as details of racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, health, sex life and criminal convictions and proceedings).

Depending upon the circumstances of the case, the legal bases upon which I process personal data are

1. the performance of a contract to which the data subject is a party or
2. in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract,
3. the processing is necessary to comply with legal obligations to which I am subject, or
4. the processing is necessary for the legitimate interests set out above, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subjects which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child or victim in a sexual allegation case
5. When I rely on legitimate interests, my 'Legitimate Interests Assessment' can be found [here](#).
6. When I process data which has not been obtained directly from the data subject (e.g. personal data contained in evidential materials), it will have been supplied to me as part of my instructions in circumstances covered by legal professional privilege.

Depending upon the circumstances of the case, I may share the personal data with:

1. my Chambers, which supplies professional and administrative support to my practice;
2. Courts including the Court of Appeal and other tribunals to whom documents are presented;
3. my lay and professional clients;

4. potential witnesses, in particular experts, and friends or family of the data subject;
5. solicitors, barristers, pupils, mini pupils and other legal representatives;
6. ombudsmen and regulatory authorities;
7. current, past or prospective employers;
8. education and examining bodies;
9. business associates, professional advisers and trade bodies.

I retain personal data for no longer than 7 years after the case has come to an end or as otherwise required by law.

I do not intend to transfer data to any country which is not either within the European Union, 'white listed' by the EU or otherwise permitted by EU law (e.g. to the USA under the provisions of the 'Privacy Shield').

Under the GDPR, data subjects whose personal data I process have the right to request from me access to, and rectification or erasure of, their personal data, the right to the restriction of processing concerning them, the right to object to processing as well as the right to data portability. Data subjects also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ico.org.uk).

In cases where there is a contract between me and the data subject, the provision of personal data is a contractual requirement and the data subject is obliged to provide the personal data in order that I can supply legal services. A failure to provide such data may mean that I will not be able to provide the legal services either adequately or at all.

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