

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

Appointments

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

Accreditations

