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About

Alex Specialises in Criminal Law and has a particular interest in Human Rights Law and regulatory Law. His Practice has included high profile and/or complex cases for which he has represented the Defence or Prosecution. Alex is regularly instructed to represent the Defence or Prosecution in DWP, VOSA, Serco, Trading standards and HM Customs fraud cases. Alex is an approved prosecutor on the CPS panel of advocates and has been regularly instructed by the CPS since called. In addition Alex has acted on behalf of insurance companies and Local Authorities. For 18 years Alex was the Deputy Managing Director of a group of French companies with branches across Europe which Alex assisted to set up and develop. He was the Director of Sales and marketing for the companies overseas operations. Alex was also the Marketing Executive for EW Facts Plcs (now Nord Anglia Plc) School of Finance and Management Division. He was responsible for the marketing and development of the companys overseas operations in the Far East, Africa, Indian Ocean and Caribbean. Worked as a freelance lecturer in Business Law to undergraduates undertaking the University of Hull BA degree at the School of Finance and Management in London. Alex was also a part time lecturer to undergraduates undertaking the University of London LLB degrees and to post graduates taking the Inns of Courts, Bar Final Examinations at the London School of Law. Alex was involved in the training of trading standard officers on enforcement laws in Northern Ireland. Speaks fluent French and Italian Practice Detail Crime: Serious Fraud, Murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, rape, kidnapping, torture, armed robbery, blackmail, child abduction, false imprisonment, serious drug offences, organised crime and serious motor prosecutions Health & Safety: Represented individuals and companies prosecuted under the Health & Safety Act, Food Trading standards and other regulatory legislation including fatal accidents. Represented families, local authorities, individuals and companies at Inquests. Immigration: Asylum applications, entry clearance appeals on behalf of visitors, students and businesses following refusals of their applications and judicial reviews. Alex is especially interested in the link between immigration issues and Human Rights Law.

Practice Areas

- Criminal Law
- International Law
- Immigration Law
- Business Crime

Languages

- English
- French
- Italian

Publications and Lectures

Alex works as a freelance lecturer in Business Law to undergraduates undertaking the University of Hull BA degree at the School of Finance and Management in London. Alex was also a part time lecturer to undergraduates undertaking the University of London LLB degrees and to post graduates taking the Inns of Courts, Bar Final Examinations at the London School of Law. Alex was involved in the training of trading standard officers on enforcement laws in Northern Ireland.

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Languages

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Education

Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB Hons)

Masters of Business Administration (MBA)

Cases of note

R v Brett & Others

Conspiracy, 28 Million VAT fraud.

R v Patel & Others

38 million, confiscation hearing. Resulted in one of the highest confiscation orders in the UK.

R v Bambo Agbonyin

Bad character in the Court of Appeal.

R v Darren Mansfield

Causing Death by Dangerous Driving, allegedly hit a cyclist like a golf ball at 99mph. Found not guilty.

Organised crime involving black on black killings in North London and Indian/Pakistani gang war crime.

False imprisonment involving the torture of a vulnerable witness with disabilities found gagged with his arms and legs tied up by the police. Found not guilty.

Successfully represented a major European airline against customs and Excise.