



## George Hepburne Scott

Year of call: 1999

Year of silk:

A force of nature. George has a very quick mind and an electric personality, and is great fun to work with

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### About

George is a well-established extradition and immigration barrister with an excellent reputation for his specialist knowledge, advocacy and drafting. He also prosecutes and defends serious crime, often in grave and complex matters, and lectures on extradition and related issues. His background is in serious crime; in this context George has acted in cases of terrorism, murder, drug conspiracies, serious sexual offences and other serious crime. He is on the Government approved panel of specialist rape prosecutors and on the CPS panel at level 3 (the second highest level available). George also acts in public law proceedings, such as applications for judicial review, habeas corpus applications, immigration, and statutory appeal proceedings. He advises individuals at each stage of the extradition process, including mutual legal assistance matters (such as Interpol Red Notice challenges and removal). George is also highly experienced at dealing with Deportation Appeals in relation to foreign criminals at the First Tier Tribunal, the Upper Tier and within the context of Judicial Review at the High Court. George is experienced at conducting extradition proceedings under Part 1 and Part 2 of the Extradition Act 2003. He has represented numerous individuals before the Westminster Magistrates Court and the High Court. George can provide informed advice and effective advocacy at each stage of proceedings. George also has experience in civil litigation encompassing contract law and negligence actions. George relishes advocacy in all its forms, whether addressing the Court of Appeal, High Court or persuading a jury and believes that practising across a number of different fields and forums is a positive advantage in keeping advocacy skills sharp and legal thinking flexible. George has published and lectured extensively on extradition. George is accredited as a Barrister Pupil Supervisor (trainer).

Member of the Criminal Bar Association

Member of the Extradition Lawyers Association

### Cases of note

**R v AC [2017] EWCA Crim 2383**

*Appeal Against Crown Court Sentence bailii*

**R v S [2015] EWCA Crim 1619**

*Appeal Against Crown Court Conviction bailii*

**R v RS [2015] EWCA Crim 1101**

*Appeal Against Crown Court Conviction bailii*

**R v B-R & NB [2011] EWCA Crim 1136, [2012] 1 WLR 2364**

*Appeal Against Crown Court Conviction bailii*

**R v AG [2016] EWCA Crim 140**

*Successful appeal against a Crown Court sentence where the sentence of 16 months immediate custody was quashed and replaced with a Suspended Sentence securing the defendants immediate release.*

**R v JC [2016] EWCA Crim 67**

*Appeal against Crown Court Sentence where the structure of the Extended Sentence was reduced on appeal.*

**R v DW [2015] EWCA Crim 2320**

*Appeal against a Crown Court sentence.*

**R v MS [2015] EWCA 1619**

*Successful appeal against Crown Court Sentence.*

**R v RS [2015] EWCA 1102**

*Appeal against Crown Court Conviction and Sentence. George was described by Leveson LJ as a powerful advocate. Bailii*

**R v RT [2014] EWCA Crim 1715, [2015] 1Cr. App. R. (S) 3**

*Successful appeal against Crown Court Sentence.*

**R v D [2014] EWCA Crim 508**

*Successful appeal against Crown Court Sentence.*

**R v B [2012] EWCA Crim 1174**

*Successful appeal against Crown Court Conviction and Sentence.*

**R v BR and NB [2011] EWCA Crim 1136; [2012] 1W.L.R. 2364; [2012] 1 Cr. App. R. 4**

*Times April 22, 2011 Successful appeal against Crown Court Conviction. This case involved serious sexual offences and the defendants convictions and sentence were all quashed and the defendant was unanimously acquitted by the jury at his retrial.*

**R v R [2011] EWCA Crim 3183**

*Successful appeal against Crown Court Sentence. This case involved over 70 TICs for Burglary.*

**R v P [2011] EWCA Crim 2790**

*Successful appeal against Crown Court Sentence.*

**Attorney Generals Reference (No.34 of 2010) [2010] EWCA Crim 2055**

*Successful prosecution appeal against Crown Court Sentence.*

**R v C (Robert Norton) [2010] EWCA Crim 933**

*Appeal against Crown Court Sentence.*

**R v B [2006] EWCA Crim 1629**

*Successful appeal against Crown Court Sentence.*

**P v Court of First Instance of Brussels [2005] EWCH 915 (Admin); [2005] Extradition L.R. 62**

*This was one of the first major cases involving the Extradition Act 2003. This case served to limit the scope of no-evidence extraditions involving category 1 territories.*

**R v W (Terence Edward) [2004] EWCA Crim 3417; [2005] 2 Cr.App.R.(S.) 51**

*George acted for the Crown in this case which is now the leading authority on stranger kidnapping sentences.*

**R v Z [2008] EWCA Crim 2169**

*This case involved the concept of the mercy where a terminally ill man was given a sentence that would involve his inevitable death in custody. The appeal was successful.*

**R v H [2009] EWCA Crim 605**

*This case involved the successful appeal of a sentence of 9 years for conspiracy to supply cocaine. Following extensive courtroom exchanges with Mr Justice Calvert-Smith (former DPP) the sentence was reduced from 9 to 7 years.*

**R v Y [2002] EWCA Crim 2815**

*Successful appeal of Crown Court sentence.*

**R v JM**

*The Halloween Nunchaku murder involved the murder of a 15 year old boy at a Halloween party. George was led by David Fisher QC in this notorious murder trial. BBC*

**R v MK**

*Murder case involving a dealer murdering his best-friend in a frenzied knife attack. George was led by Sascha Wass QC in this trial. BBC*

**R v DR**

*Caterham Bus Bomber: this was an allegation of a home-grown terrorist who was found to have a cache of chemical weapons at his home. George successfully defended this man and he was acquitted of all charges. BBC*

**R v JW (& 5 others)**

*Successful prosecution of multi-defendant football hooligan case involving widespread public disorder. BBC*

**R v TW**

*Successful prosecution of a serious stranger kidnapping case involving an armed stranger kidnap of young children. George was subsequently instructed by the Crown to appear in the Court of Appeal and this case is now a leading authority of Sentences for Kidnapping. BBC*

**R v VF**

*This case involved an Albanian/Chechen criminal gang selling highly sophisticated cash-point scamming kits to other criminal gangs in Wales. It attracted nationwide publicity including the front page of the Times. BBC*

**R v GT**

*George was initially instructed in this extradition of this notorious Holocaust denier. The extradition was successfully opposed. BBC*

**R v DS**

*George was instructed in this case involving the Gatwick shooter who was apprehended and Tasered by police as he wandered around Gatwick Airport brandishing a firearm. BBC*

**R v JR**

*George was instructed to defend a member of this notorious tie-up robbery gang that committed more than 12 robberies involving serious violence. BBC*

**R v JB**

*Serious historical sexual assaults in childrens home. Defendant received 20 years custody. BBC*

**M v Circuit Court of Katowice (Poland) [2017] EWHC 2812 (Admin)**

*Successful Extradition Appeal (A8) bailii*

**MH v Court of Milan (Italy) [2017] EW Misc 20**

*Very High Profile First Instance Extradition Decision bailii*

**C v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2007] EWHC 238 (Admin); [2007] Extradition L.R. 51**

*Extradition case involving Judicial Review of the Home Secretary bailii*

**GP v Court of First Instance Brussels [2005] EWHC 915 (Admin) [2005] All ER 185 (Apr)**

*Successful Extradition Appeal (s.2) bailii*

**S v Poland CO/213/2018**

*High Court appeal involving s.2 and Article 8.*

**K v Poland CO/198/2018**

*High Court appeal involving Article 8.*

**H v Italy CO/014/2018**

*High Court appeal involving kidnapping allegation.*

**HF v Germany CO/260/2018**

*High Court appeal involving multi-million VAT fraud.*

**B v Belgium CO/197/2018**

*High Court appeal involving multi-million fraud allegation.*

**C v Czech Republic CO/128/2018**

*High Court appeal involving human trafficking.*

**Albania v HM 2018**

*Part 2 case involving Murder conviction and Articles 2, 3, & 6.*

**Ecuador v V2018**

*Complex Part 2 case involving Articles 3, 6, & 8.*

**J v Poland CO/245/2017**

*High Court appeal involving multi- fraud accusation.*

**K v Poland CO/1783/2017**

*High Court appeal involving murder conviction.*

**M v Poland CO/1782/2017**

*High Court appeal involving attempted murder.*

**M v Poland CO/361/2017**

*High Court appeal involving Article 8.*

**D v Poland CO/1800/2017**

*High Court appeal involving Articles 3, 6, & 8.*

**T v Finland CO/5720/2016**

*High Court appeal involving Article 3.*

**M v Latvia CO/6333/2016**

*High Court appeal involving ss. 2, 14, 20 & Article 8.*

**T v Romania CO/6387/2016**

*High Court appeal involving s.2 & Articles 3, 6 & 8.*

**F v Romania CO/4311/2016**

*High Court appeal involving s.14 & Articles 3 & 8.*

**A v Romania CO/5410/2016**

*High Court appeal involving Articles 3 & 8.*

**W v Poland CO/4311/2016**

*High Court appeal involving Article 8.*

**Z v Poland CO/2245/2016**

*High Court appeal involving double jeopardy & A8.*

**D v Poland CO/4258/2016**

*High Court appeal involving s.14 & Article 8.*

**L v Poland CO/2661/2016**

*High Court appeal involving s.2 & Article 8.*

**S v Poland CO/4051/2016**

*High Court appeal involving Article 8.*

**B v Poland CO/4016/2016**

*High Court appeal involving ss.2, 14 & Article 8.*

**S v Latvia CO/2380/2016**

*High Court appeal involving right to re-trial s.20*

**W v Poland CO/2160/2016**

*High Court appeal involving Articles 6 & 8.*

**C v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2007] EWHC 238 (Admin); [2007] Extradition L.R. 51**

*Extradition case involving Judicial Review of the Home Secretary.*