

Eleanor Mawrey

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Eleanor is an experienced barrister practising in serious crime and is ranked in the Financial Crime section of both the Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners UK.

She is a grade 4 CPS Prosecutor and appointed to the SFO A panel. She is experienced in dealing with large document heavy cases with significant reliance on digital evidencing and telecoms analysis. She has been praised for her ability to unpick expert evidence, making it accessible to a jury and her success in cross examining expert-witnesses.

Eleanor has considerable experience in the following areas of financial crime:

- Bribery and corruption
- Fraud including high value investment fraud, income tax fraud and VAT evasion and Ponzi schemes
- Insider dealing/market abuse
- Other FSMA 2000/FSA 2012 offences including miss-selling and contraventions of the general prohibition (unauthorised business).

Eleanor also prosecutes and defends all other types of criminal cases including those involving serious violence, firearms offences and drugs cases. Recent cases include:

- Attempted murder
- Perverting the course of justice
- S.18 GBH
- Conspiracy to possess firearms

Eleanor is also regularly instructed in high value Proceeds of Crime applications relating to the detention of cash or the freezing of assets/accounts.

Eleanor has experience dealing with private prosecutions.

She is currently instructed in the Undercover Policing Inquiry (UCPI).

Areas of Expertise

Fraud and Financial Crime

Eleanor is ranked in Chambers UK and the Legal 500 for financial crime reflecting the quality of this flourishing part of her practice both prosecuting and defending. She regularly prosecutes and defends in very high value cases; often where the defendant is a professional or other position of authority. Eleanor is a CPS Grade 4 fraud specialist prosecutor, on the Serious Fraud Office A panel and also regularly prosecutes for the Financial Conduct Authority. She is a Panel B Specialist Regulatory Counsel.

As a result of her work in this area, Eleanor also deals frequently with Proceeds of Crime Act [POCA] matters including confiscation and restraint matters. She regularly appears in high value applications for the detention of cash or freezing of assets/accounts. She also has considerable experience in ancillary orders following trial such as Director's Disqualification and Serious Crime Prevention Orders.

Bribery & Corruption:

- SFO v GPT & Others (2014-ongoing). Eleanor acts as junior counsel in this high-profile bribery and corruption case.

Fraud

- SFO v Rivera (2020-ongoing) Eleanor acts as junior counsel relating in this fraud and money laundering matter relating to secret profits made on the back of trades in biodiesel;
- R v Major and Attra (2020) Successfully prosecuted this fraud on the Legal Aid Agency committed by a solicitor and a translator.
- R v Scrafton (2019) Successfully prosecuted this former solicitor who defrauded a charity for whom he acted as trustee.
- Das v Asplin (private prosecution 2017-8) Junior counsel for main defendant who was the CEO of an insurance company.
- R v Afshar (2018) Prosecuting the Director and the accountant of company in relation to a substantial VAT fraud

FSMA Offences

- Operation S (2020-ongoing) advising the FCA in relation to breaches of FSMA, in particular in relation to the making of financial promotions.
- FCA v Bhandari (2017) Junior Counsel for the FCA in this investment fraud perpetrated by a number of individuals including a doctor.
- FCA v Richard Joseph, (2010-2013) a case in which she was instructed pre-charge and which attracted one of the highest sentences for insider dealing to date.

Crime

Eleanor is instructed across all areas of serious crime. She appears for the prosecution and defence in the most serious offences. Many of the cases that Eleanor deals with are gang related. She has considerable expertise dealing with sensitive material.

Notable Crime cases

R v C & Others: (2019-ongoing)

Prosecuting (leading Jennie Osborne) this attempted murder and perverting the course of justice case in the context of a neighbour dispute.

R v Simms (2019)

Prosecuting this attempted murder in which the victim was doused in petrol and set alight.

R v Christophe & Others (2020)

Successfully prosecuted 5 individuals for conspiracy to possess firearms after they were found in car with two loaded guns.

R v W (2019-ongoing)

Grievous Bodily Harm/Wounding with Intent S.18 Serious assault in the context of a domestic argument.

R v Zalucki (2019)

Successfully prosecuted a very high value (total value £50m) excise duty case relating to the importation and processing of raw tobacco.

R v Plamadeala (2019)

Prosecuting importation of 2.5m cigarettes through Newhaven.

R v Robinson (2019)

Successfully prosecuted this importation of high purity cocaine from South America.

Inquiries

Eleanor is currently instructed to represent a police officer in the Undercover Policing Inquiry (UCPI).

Education

- BA Hons (History Major/Spanish Minor) Leeds University
- PG Diploma in Law City University

Memberships

- South Eastern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Financial Services Lawyers Association
- Female Fraud Forum

Appointments

- SFO panel A list
- CPS Grade 4 General Crime
- CPS Grade 4 Specialist Fraud Panel
- Co Vice-Chair of Bar Council's Equality, Diversity and Social Mobility Committee
- Co-Director of Equality and Diversity for Criminal Bar Association
- Elected Bar Council Member (over 7 years call)

Awards

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