



Emma Deacon

1993 (QC 2016)

“She is of exceptional ability and will go right to the top in silk”

- Legal 500 2017

Overview

A highly regarded criminal fraud specialist, Emma has notable expertise in high profile cases involving serious and complex fraud, money laundering and corruption. She also has a well-established reputation in cases involving organised crime, including drugs conspiracies and human trafficking. Her expertise includes regulatory issues and offences. She is frequently engaged in cases which are legally and factually complex, many of which involve international dimensions.

She is usually instructed at an early stage to provide strategic advice to prosecuting authorities in respect of pre-charge investigations or to those facing possible criminal proceedings. She is known to be tactically astute and a powerful persuasive advocate with extensive trial experience.

Before taking silk Emma was regularly instructed to lead in cases where QCs appeared on the opposing side. She was on the SFO ‘A’ panel from 2009 and a CPS Grade 4 prosecutor (with specialisms in fraud and organised crime) from 2007.

Notable Cases

R v Bittar & others - alleged EURIBOR manipulation by Barclays and Deutsche Bank employees involving inter-bank collusion

R v Johnson & others - LIBOR manipulation by Barclays bank employees

R v Blakey & others - fraudulent tax evasion (£60m+) involving false claims for sideways loss relief schemes on monies said to have been spent on environmental research and research into cures for HIV

R v Ubsdell & others - DBIS prosecution involving fraudulent trading in respect of a number of limited

companies and breaches of director's disqualification orders

R v Ali - solicitor prosecuted for facilitating unlawful immigration, following a BBC Panorama exposé

Whites Recruitment Ltd - DBIS prosecution involving regulatory offences relating to the recruitment and treatment of individuals working in Libya during the collapse of the Gaddafi regime

R v Downes & another - defending the alleged organiser of an international boiler room fraud (£20m+) involving the fraudulent sale of 'Regulation S' shares and carbon credits

R v Hunka & others - large-scale human trafficking case involving a JIT with the Czech Republic

R v Drewitt-Barlow & others - defending principal defendant in the first prosecution brought under the 2004 Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Regulations

R v Blok - solicitor prosecuted for money laundering, perjury and perverting the course of justice

R v Dossanjh & others - MTIC fraud (£38m+) involving trade in carbon credits

R v Young & others - computer hacking and police corruption

R v Ud Din & others - multi-million-pound international money laundering

Appointments

- SFO QC Panel 2017
- Queen's Counsel 2016
- Recorder of the Crown Court 2016
- Advocacy Trainer, Inner Temple

Education/Professional

- 1993 - Bar Vocational Course
- 1991 - LLB(Hons)(Lond.)
- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit