



Practice Profile

Anthony Orchard QC is a leading criminal silk, ranked in the latest edition of Chambers UK 2017, with a practice concentrated upon homicide, serious fraud cases, sexual offending and organised crime.

Mr Orchard has appeared in over eighty homicide trials at the Central Criminal Court and elsewhere, many involving allegations of multiple shooting, gangland murder and revenge, including R v Michael Philpott and others (the 2013 "Derby fire" case).

His practice in silk includes extensive experience in organised and very serious crime, complex fraud, money-laundering, internet hacking, confiscation, sexual offences, human trafficking, importation and supply of drugs and he is frequently called upon to advise clients under investigation. Mr Orchard regularly defends and prosecutes cases brought by the Serious Fraud Office and the Financial Conduct Authority. Fraud cases undertaken have included VAT diversion, International Carbon Trading, "Boiler Room" frauds, "Ponzi" schemes and Insurance fraud.

He is regularly instructed to advise on SOCPA contracts, PACE, PII matters, RIPA, Surveillance law, Abuse of Process and all Disclosure issues and is representative of the Criminal Bar Association on the Home Office PACE Strategy Board.

Areas of Practice

- Appellate
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Cyber Crime
- Fraud & Financial Crime
- General Crime
- Homicide & Corporate Manslaughter
- Prosecution
- Public Access
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences

Reported Cases

- R v. Waller [1994] Crim. L.R. 863
- R v. Winn-Pope [1996] Crim. L.R. 521
- R v. Sara Smith [2002] 1 Cr App R (S) 61
- Attorney-General's Reference No. 88 of 2002 (Carl Weston Griffiths) [2003] EWCA Crim 3010
- Attorney- General's Reference No. 90 of 2002 (Alan Moulden) [2003] 2 Cr App R (S) 16

- Attorney-General's Reference No. 125 of 2002 (Steven Dunster) [2003] EWCA Crim 1166
- Attorney-General's Reference No. 135 of 2002 (Robert Terrence Gray) [2003] 2 Cr App R (S) 109
- Attorney-General's Reference Nos. 150 and 151 of 2002 (Ashley Leon Warren and Kyrt Anthony Whellams) [2003] 2 Cr App R (S) 111
- Attorney-General's Reference No. 10 of 2003 (R v. J) The Times, 30th May 2003; [2003] EWCA Crim 1620
- Attorney-General's Reference No. 18 of 2003 (Leslie Ivor Tombs) [2003] EWCA Crim 2426
- Attorney-General's Reference No. 64 of 2003 (Moussin Boujettif) [2003] EWCA Crim 3514; The Times, 27th November 2003; [2004] 2 Cr.App.R.(S.) 106 (22); [2004] Crim. L.R. 241
- Attorney-General's Reference No. 73 of 2003 (Umaharan Ranganathan) [2004] EWCA Crim 183; [2004] 2 Cr.App.R. (S.) 337 (62)
- Attorney-General's Reference No. 86 of 2003 (David Parkinson) [2004] 2 Cr.App.R. (S.) 421 (79); [2004] EWCA Crim 428
- Attorney-General's Reference No. 89 of 2003 (Gavin Steill) [2004] EWCA Crim 709; [2004] 2 Cr.App.R. (S.) 502 (94)
- R v. Zuber Makbul Ali & Ananddeep Lotay [2004] EWCA Crim 2835; [2005] 2 Cr.App.R. (S.) 2 at p.6
- R v. Peters and others [2005] EWCA Crim 605, [2005] 2 Cr.App.R. (S.) 101
- R v. Jones, Ashman and others [2005] EWCA 3115, [2006] 2 Cr.App.R. (S.) 19
- R v. McGrady [2007] EWCA Crim 192; [2007] 2 Cr.App.R. (S.) 56 at p.347
- R v. Murdoch [2007] EWCA 1123
- R v. J. and others [2007] EWCA 3133, 72 J.C.L. 196, CA (12/12/07)
- R v. Griffin [2008] 2 Cr.App.R. (S.) 357 (61)
- R v G(G) & B (S) [2009] EWCA Crim 1207
- R v. Gary Kelly [2010] EWCA Crim 197
- R v. Akiniyi and Oniwinde [2010] EWCA Crim 345
- R v. Biddulph [2010] EWCA Crim 567
- R v. Jabbar [2013] EWCA Crim 801

Recent Cases

Operation Mapledurwell [C.C.C.] 2017

Drug related Shooting in East London

Anthony Orchard QC led Danny Robinson in this drug related Old Bailey murder trial. The victim was shot dead at his front door of his residence in Stratford East London in the early evening.

Operation Marrick [C.C.C.] 2017

Gang Murder

Anthony Orchard QC leading Ben Temple appeared for the Crown in this Old Bailey murder trial involving the gang related murder of a teenager in South Harrow. 2 Teenagers from a rival gang were sentenced to life imprisonment.

R v. Sroka [C.C.C.] 2017

Murder of girlfriend by jilted lover

Anthony Orchard QC led Charlotte Newell for the prosecution in this Old Bailey murder trial involving the brutal killing of a 29 year old woman by her jealous boyfriend when he discovered a Post Office redirection letter confirming she was leaving him.

R v. Timon [C.C.C.] 2017

Murder of City Banker

Anthony Orchard QC prosecuted this defendant for killing a banker with one punch in an “unprovoked and gratuitous” attack.

News report here.

R v. SK [Reading] 2017

Rape of Common Law Wife

Anthony Orchard QC successfully represented this defendant whom was cleared of all charges of allegedly drugging and raping his common law wife. Instructed by BCL Solicitors LLP.

R v. Dobby [C.C.C.] 2017

Drug user admits manslaughter after two killed in Penge car chase

Anthony Orchard QC leading Jonathan Polnay appeared for the Crown in this case involving the death of an aunt and 10 year old nephew killed by a drug user during a car chase with Police. The defendant was sentenced to 12 years.

News report here.

R v. Badran [Wood Green] 2016

Sexual Assaults

Anthony Orchard QC prosecuted this child rapist who committed a string of horrifying attacks upon children aged between 10 and 12, just months after being released from prison having been convicted of raping a 9 year old girl.

Daily Express Report here.

R v. Edwards [C.C.C.] 2016

Murder

Anthony Orchard QC led Ben Temple for the Crown in this matter where the defendant had strangled her mother. The defendant had a history of psychiatric illness, with violence to family members, dating back to 1991. Three psychiatrists were of the opinion she suffered from schizoaffective disorder.

Evening Standard report here.

R v. Aidid & ors [C.C.C.] 2016

Murder

Anthony Orchard QC led Ben Temple in this prosecution of 3 women who beat a 21 year old women to death in North London.

Evening Standard report here.

R v. De Silva [C.C.C.] 2016

Murder

Anthony Orchard QC led Ben Temple for the prosecution in this revenge murder by shooting after an altercation in Wembley, North London.

Evening Standard report here.

R v. Mazikhana [Southwark] 2015

Murder

Anthony Orchard QC prosecuted this defendant for the brutal murder by stabbing of his wife.

Evening Standar report here.

R v. B & anr [C.C.C.] 2015

Murder

Anthony Orchard QC defended this 18 year old youth whom was acquitted following a half time submission, in this knife attack joint enterprise murder.

Guardian report here.

R v. Al-Bassam & ors [Southwark] 2013

Lulszec Hacking trial

Anthony Orchard QC defended in this complex conspiracy to commit cyber attacks on organisations such as Sony,EA sports, News International and the Serious and Organised Crime Agency. Mr Orchard's client was the only to receive a non-custodial sentence.

BBC report here.

R v. Osolase [Canterbury] 2013

Human Trafficking

Anthony Orchard QC was defence Counsel in this trial involving allegations of human trafficking, rape, sexual

assaults and ritual assault (voodoo) relating to young girls trafficked from Nigeria via the UK to Europe. Issues dealt with included admissibility of overseas evidence; mobile telephone and cell site analysis; issues of character (defendant and witnesses); extensive video testimony and alleged organized ritual assault said to be used as a control mechanism.

R v. D & ors 2012

£58 million VAT Diversion fraud

Anthony Orchard QC defended in this complex and long running multi-handed conspiracy against HMRC.

R v. H & ors 2012

£38m International Carbon Trading VAT fraud.

Anthony Orchard QC defended in this £38 million international carbon Trading VAT fraud.

R v. Salami & ors [Southwark] 2011

"o2" Mobile Phone Fraud

Anthony Orchard QC defended in this £4 million international mobile phone fraud perpetrated upon O2.

Operation Slick [Southwark] 2011

£27m Boiler Room Fraud

Anthony Orchard QC defended in this £27 million boiler room fraud.

R v. Roope & ors [Worcester] 2010

£2m Investment Fraud

Anthony Orchard QC defended in this £2m SFO investment scam.

Notable Cases

R v. Philpott & ors [Nottingham] 2013

"Derby" fire case

Anthony Orchard QC defended Michael Philpott, accused of starting the fire that led to the deaths of six of his seventeen children in his Derby home in May 2012. The case attracted massive media coverage. Issues dealt with included previous allegations of historic sexual assault and abuse; the defendant's previous convictions for assault and attempted murder; his detailed background history; other historic character issues, mobile phone linkage and the admissibility of surveillance evidence