



Anthony Orchard KC

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Practice Profile

Anthony Orchard KC is a leading criminal silk, ranked in the latest editions of Chambers UK Bar Guide and the Legal 500 with a practice concentrated upon homicide, organised crime, serious fraud and sexual offending.

He has appeared in excess of two hundred homicide trials at the Central Criminal Court and elsewhere, many involving allegations of multiple shooting, gangland murder and revenge. These include R v Michael Philpott and others (the 2013 "Derby fire" case).

He has extensive experience in prosecuting and defending homicide, organised crime, complex fraud, money-laundering, internet hacking, confiscation, sexual offences, human trafficking, importation and supply of drugs. He is frequently called upon to advise clients under investigation. He defends cases brought by the Serious Fraud Office and the Financial Conduct Authority. Fraud cases undertaken have included Investor Fraud, VAT diversion, International Carbon Trading, "Boiler Room" frauds, "Ponzi" schemes and Insurance fraud.

He also advises individuals and businesses on a variety of topics including SOCPA contracts, PACE, PII matters, RIPA, Surveillance law, Abuse of Process, all Disclosure issues and many other issues.

Anthony's Privacy Policy can be downloaded [here](#).

Areas of Practice

- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Cyber Crime
- Financial & Corporate Crime
- General Crime
- Homicide
- Prosecution
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences
- 5KBW Criminal Appeals
- 5KBW Criminal Appeals Resources

What The Directories Say

"He is a highly polished and charming advocate." *Chambers UK 2025*

"He is understated and gets the best results. He masters huge amounts of material and his capacity for work is immense. He prosecutes cases the way they should be prosecuted." *Chambers UK 2025*

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"Anthony is one of the most respected prosecuting silks at the Old Bailey. His manner is incomparable – the essence of fairness, good judgement and reasonableness. That said, he is a formidable opponent as juries love his manner in court. He is a top practitioner at the highest level." *Legal 500 2025*

"He displays brilliant aptitude for winning over juries." *Chambers UK 2024*

'Anthony is universally acclaimed, tremendously effective and a real heavyweight in the court room. He is highly intelligent and meticulous and diligent in his preparation. His tactical acumen is first rate, he is always in control, and he has a calming influence which instils confidence.' *Legal 500 2024*

"His case preparation is always thorough and his arguments are always well directed." *Chambers UK 2023*

"Efficient and pragmatic, he's a respected figure at the Old Bailey." *Chambers UK 2021*

'Solicitors wouldn't hesitate to use him – he really is very good.' *Legal 500 - 2019*

"Unflappable and very effective." *Chambers UK 2020*

News

Two Convicted in Alleyway Stabbing

5 March 2025

Following a 5-week trial at the Central Criminal Court, two men were convicted of murdering a 22-year-old in Croydon, South London. The victim was chased down an alleyway and fatally stabbed at least 13 times.

The sentencing hearing for both defendants will take place next month.

Anthony Orchard KC led Ben Holt on behalf of the Crown.

Read more here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4gm9q93326o>

Murder Trial Begins of Alleged Killers Who Went to Pub After Stabbing

31 January 2025

Two individuals are currently on trial for the murder of a 22 year-old who was stabbed to death in Croydon, South London.

Anthony Orchard KC leading Ben Holt opened the prosecution case this week. The trial, which is expected to last

five more weeks, continues.

Read more here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/czdljm83mvno>

Revenge Attack Murder Convictions

15 January 2025

Following a thirteen-week trial at the Central Criminal Court in 2023, four individuals were convicted of the murder of a man in North-East London and conspiracy to murder another, both offences involved the use of a firearm. The victim of the murder had been shot shortly after leaving a one-year-old's birthday party.

The four men were each sentenced on the 14th January 2025 to life imprisonment, with minimum terms of 38, 37, 37 and 35 years respectively.

Anthony Orchard KC and Louise Oakley appeared on behalf of the Prosecution, instructed by Richard Murrison of CPS Homicide.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/kacey-boothe-murder-walthamstow-kammar-henry-richards-b2678419.html>

Murder Convictions

28 August 2024

Following a 4-week trial at Snaresbrook Crown Court, three individuals were convicted of the machete murder of a 25-year-old man on Olympic Way, Wembley. The attack was believed to have been a revenge attack motivated by a feud between rival Wembley area gangs. The victim, not a gang member, was stabbed at least 23 times.

The three twenty-one year old defendants were each sentenced on the 28th August to life imprisonment, with minimum terms of 28, 25, and 24 years respectively.

Anthony Orchard KC and Louise Oakley appeared on behalf of the Crown, instructed by Olcay Sapanoglu of CPS Homicide.

Convictions for Killing of 18 Year Old Who Was Shot & Stabbed

19 June 2024

Following a 10-week trial at the Central Criminal Court which concluded in May, two individuals were convicted of the murder of an eighteen-year-old, who was shot and stabbed outside his home in East London. The attack is believed to have been motivated by feuds between rival gangs.

The defendants were sentenced on the 12th June to life imprisonment, minimum terms of 36 and 31 years.

Anthony Orchard KC leading Catherine Farrelly, appeared on behalf of the Crown. Instructed by Catherine Gould of CPS Homicide.

Read more here:

<https://news.met.police.uk/news/two-convicted-after-extensive-cctv-and-forensic-evidence-presented-to-the-jury-in-the-newham-murder-of-junior-jah-483650>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c3gg3r568lwo>

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/london-crime-stabbing-shooting-old-bailey-junior-jah-police-guilty-b1156853.html>

Murder Following Unprovoked Attack

9 February 2024

Anthony Orchard KC led Brett Weaver of 6KBW, in the prosecution of two individuals charged with murder. The attack took place in Staines Road, Hounslow. The sixty-one year old victim was a local alcoholic. He was assaulted in an unprovoked attack, initiated by the first defendant. The assault caused a bleed on the victim's brain. He died four days later.

After a trial at Isleworth Crown Court, the first defendant was convicted of manslaughter. The jury were unable to reach a verdict on the second defendant.

On 8th February 2024 the second defendant pleaded guilty to assaulting the sixty-one year old victim, occasioning him actual bodily harm.

The sentence hearing for both defendants will take place on 22nd April 2024.

Three convicted in gang retribution murder

16 May 2023

Anthony Orchard KC led Serena Gates of Red Lion Chambers in the prosecution of four men, accused of a gang retribution stabbing in which two knives were used.

Following a four week trial which concluded on Friday at the Central Criminal Court, three of the four men were convicted of murder, and are due to be sentenced on the 27th June.

[Read more](#)

Man with schizophrenia held in hospital after killing woman of 76

23 January 2023

Anthony Orchard KC prosecuted a 24 year man, previously diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, for killing a 76 year old woman in her home in Notting Hill. The man has been sectioned and held in a secure hospital.

[BBC News Article](#)

Recent Cases

Operation Tambo [Central Criminal Court] 2022

Three Handed Murder

Three-handed murder trial at the Central Criminal Court. First defendant charged with murdering a fellow resident at the YMCA hostel in Wimbledon. Two further defendants alleged to have helped him conceal the murder weapon in a vent. Case involved detailed analysis of hours of CCTV footage. Instructed by CPS, Homicide.

Led by Anthony Orchard KC

R v Gopaul and Bannerman [C.C.C.] 2020

Homicide

Anthony Orchard QC led William Davis for the prosecution in a murder trial following an incident outside a nightclub in which a man was stabbed. After the killing the Defendant fled to Cyprus with the assistance of a friend, who was convicted of assisting an offender. The Defendant was extradited to the UK in 2019.

Press coverage:

R v Bryan & Ahwan [Kingston] 2020 2020

Murder

Anthony Orchard QC led William Davis in the prosecution of two defendants for an incident in Kingston town centre in which a van was deliberately driven at one males, and another was fatally stabbed.

Press Coverage here.

R v SA [C.C.C.] 2020 2020

Murder

Anthony Orchard QC led William Davis in the prosecution of a defendant in connection with an incident at an all-night party in Aldgate in which one man was fatally stabbed, and three others were injured.

R v. Donovan & Woolcock [C.C.C.] 2019

Loss of control murder

Anthony Orchard QC led Charlotte Newell for the prosecution in a murder trial involving two cousins for the murder of their great uncle. The first defendant alleged loss of self-control; both defendants convicted following a trial.

BBC report here.

Operation Newlands [C.C.C] 2018

Murder

Anthony Orchard QC led Danny Robinson in prosecuting four defendants for murder, in a trial that lasted 3 months. The defendants were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment after being found guilty of murder, violent disorder and perverting the course of justice.

News report here

News report here

R v G & ors [C.C.C] 2018

Murder [Trial and subsequent Retrial]

Anthony Orchard QC prosecuted this trial and retrial for murder. Two defendants were convicted of murder and another of perverting the course of justice. The victim had been repeatedly stabbed and slashed in his home before he managed to stagger 200 ft down the road, where he subsequently died.

News report here

R v J [C.C.C] 2018

Manslaughter of childhood friend

Anthony Orchard QC appeared for the Crown at the Old Bailey, where the defendant pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the first day of his trial. The defendant was sentenced to 14 years and nine months imprisonment. The victim and defendant were childhood friends and had arranged to meet at the time of the incident to settle their unresolved tensions. The victim died by a single stab wound to the chest.

Operation Northacre [C.C.C] 2018

Gang related Murder

Anthony Orchard QC led the prosecution in this gang related murder trial where a woman was killed after a bullet ricocheted off a wall and hit her.

News report here

R v. Kibusi & ors [C.C.C.] 2017

Revenge Execution

Anthony Orchard QC led Charlotte Newell in this prosecution of 3 men for the "Revenge Execution" of a rival gang member following a knife fight the previous day. The victim was shot in the chest with an automatic pistol at close range during broad daylight in a street in Ilford East London. They were each sentenced to life imprisonment with a

minimum of 30 years.

News report here.

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 woman 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.

Operation Slick [Southwark] 2011

£27m Boiler Room Fraud

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

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