



Ian Stern KC

Call 1983

Silk 2006

Ian Stern KC, Head of Chambers Regulatory team, is recommended as a 'leader in the field' by Chambers & Partners, an independent guide to the legal profession.

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Practice Areas

Appeals

Ian is often instructed to give an opinion in relation to the merits of an appeal from a finding by a professional regulatory body where he has not conducted the initial hearing. If the appeal proceeds he drafts all the necessary documents and conducts the High Court appeal.

Notable appeals cases

W v GDC

Conducted the appeal on behalf of the regulator. Appeal dismissed.

V v GOC

Conducted the appeal for the registrant. Appeal allowed.

A v GMC

Conducted the appeal against sanction on behalf of the registrant – appeal refused.

Coroner's Inquests

Ian has been at the forefront of significant and high profile Inquests over a number of years. He has represented financial institutions, doctors and specialist firearms officers.

Notable coroner's inquests cases

Mark Duggan

The death that started the London riots in 2011. At the Inquest which ended in 2014 Ian represented the specialist firearms officers.

Re GB (deceased)

Represented a doctor at a six week Inquest. Wide variety of issues of care dealt with.

Stockwell Inquest

Represented the armed officers who fired the fatal shots that killed Jean Charles de Menezes.

Chandler's Ford

Represented two Specialist Firearms Officers who fatally shot two armed robbers.

R

Represented a surgeon who had carried out an operation that led to the death of the patient.

Fraud

Notable fraud cases

R v M

Represented a solicitor in Northern Ireland at trial who faced 70 counts in relation to various significant frauds. Fifty one counts were stopped by the High Court Judge following extensive legal arguments.

Company 'A'

Advised a company on money laundering in relation to a SOCA investigation.

R v W

Allegations of money laundering. Significant cash holdings. Not guilty.

Judicial Review

Judicial review proceedings are a regular adjunct to the cases in which Ian is involved.

Notable judicial review cases

Mark Duggan

Pamela Duggan's judicial review of the inquest decision in relation to her son [2014] EWHC 3343 (Admin).

Murder & Manslaughter

Ian often uses his considerable advocacy skills to represent those involved in serious crime including allegations of murder.

Notable murder & manslaughter cases

R v F

Allegation of murder in relation to a gang shooting. Not guilty.

R v R

Allegation of attempted murder. The prosecution alleged that the D had fired three shots at a woman when she opened her front door to him as a result of a grievance between him and the woman's son. Not guilty.

Professional Discipline

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Notable professional discipline cases

'Plebgate'

Advised and conducted the 'Plebgate' misconduct hearings on behalf of the MPS.

GDC v A

Conducted case on behalf of the regulator involving a series of allegations.

GDC v F

Acted on behalf of the registrant.

GMP v C

Represented a police officer who faced misconduct proceedings before Manchester Police.

CIPFA v M

Represented a CFO before his accountancy body.

MC v Prof R

A three week hearing representing a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon who was alleged to have failed to provide good clinical care to a patient who died during an operation. All allegations not proved.

GMC v S

Sexual allegations by a nurse against a doctor. Allegations found not proved.

RE v C

Written advices to a Hong Kong accountant on disciplinary proceedings. Case compromised.

GOC v P

Clinical allegations regarding sight test of children. Case dismissed following cross examination of the expert for the Council and submissions at the close of the case for the Council.

GMC v K

Represented doctor following his conviction at the Crown Court where a suspended prison sentence was imposed. Following a 5 day hearing at the GMC, the Panel agreed that undertakings were sufficient.

Publications

- 'A' List on HM Customs / Attorney General's Panel of Prosecution Advocates (1996-2005)
- Advocacy Trainer, Inner Temple
- Bencher, Inner Temple
- Admitted to the New South Wales Bar

Memberships

- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers (Joint Founder)
- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit

Education

- Bar Finals, Inns of Court, School of Law
- Diploma in Law, City University
- BA (Hons) Politics, University of Warwick

Directory Quotes

- “He’s really excellent, in my view the best professional discipline defence silk around who just does complex, high-profile cases.” **Chambers UK 2022 (Professional Discipline)**
- “Very measured and highly impressive.” **Chambers UK 2022 (Crime)**
- “He is a real streetfighter and there is nothing that escapes his analysis in a case.” **Chambers UK 2022 (Police Law)**
- “One of those barristers solicitors are always pleased to have on their side.” **Legal 500 2019**
- “A supremely confident performer whose charm and smoothness is extremely persuasive.” **Legal 500 2019**
- “He brings criminal experience to the tribunals with great effect.” **Legal 500 2019**
- “Exceptional advocate offering expertise across numerous fields of regulation. He is particularly noted for his adroit representation of healthcare professionals before regulatory bodies such as the GMC, GDC and GOC.” **Chambers UK 2018 (Professional Discipline)**
- “Hugely experienced. He is very smooth and persuasive and he has a charming manner with juries and committees.” “Impressive advocate with a measured style and delicate touch.” **Chambers UK 2018 (Professional Discipline)**
- “Heads up the regulatory group at chambers but also has a thriving criminal practice. He frequently represents professional clients in criminal proceedings, such as gross negligence and corporate manslaughter cases.” **Chambers UK 2018 (Crime)**
- “A very polished and unflappable advocate who has a measured and easy style that juries find attractive.” “An impressive advocate with a delicate touch who always makes the right decisions.” **Chambers UK 2018 (Crime)**
- “He regularly represents officers in misconduct proceedings, criminal trials and inquests. He is particularly adept at handling cases concerning police shootings.” **Chambers UK 2018 (Police Law)**
- “An impressive advocate with a measured style and delicate touch who always makes the right decisions.” **Chambers UK 2018 (Police Law)**
- “An excellent barrister – quick, effective and a real presence in court.” **Legal 500 2017**
- “A confident advocate with a smooth style.” **Legal 500 2017**
- “A very intelligent and charming advocate, whose knowledge is impressive and arguments are

creative.” **Legal 500 2017**

- “Exceptional advocate offering expertise across numerous fields of regulation. He is particularly noted for his adroit representation of police officers and healthcare professionals, while his thorough cross-examination and smooth advocacy style are also highlighted.” **Legal 500 2017**
- “He is an excellent lawyer and an excellent advocate who is absolutely at the top of his game.” **Chambers UK 2017**
- “It’s hard to see any weaknesses: he’s good with clients, hard-working, thorough, and very good at getting answers out of people without them knowing they’re being asked a question.” **Chambers UK 2017**
- “Heads up the Regulatory Group at the chambers but also has a thriving criminal practice. He often acts in criminal proceedings in the regulatory and professional disciplinary sector. **Chambers UK 2017**
- “A go to guy for cases involving fatal shootings,” he’s “calm and fearless but not in a way which causes offense. Juries, witnesses and judges all warm to him.” **Chambers UK 2017**
- “A highly regarded silk who is consistently involved in the highest-profile and most complex regulatory cases. His expertise covers a breadth of areas, and he is particularly regarded for his knowledge on police and healthcare disciplinary matters.” **Chambers UK 2015**