



## Marcus Rickard

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Marcus is on sabbatical pursuing a commercial venture where he is gaining invaluable commercial experience from running a business with direct exposure of software/technology development, alongside the huge growth area around data protection. His particular focus is on regulation in the tech markets and specifically in the dental industry. This included processing of patients dental records in accordance with the existing Data Protection Act 1998 and the new legal framework under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in the EU. Marcus is available for any advisory work covering any of these areas.

Marcus originally cut his teeth working alongside KPMG's Tax Investigations team over a three-year period when working for a leading regulatory firm of solicitors, his background is in white collar crime, legal privilege, all regulatory matters and civil / criminal investigations into corporate bodies and high-net worth individuals charged with tax, regulatory and fraud offences.

Marcus has been instructed in some extremely complex and varied fraud cases in his last 6 years of practice (both defending and prosecuting) as well organised crime, drug conspiracies, road traffic and serious violence. He also has experience in the civil courts having appeared in both the Chancery Division of the High Court and VAT Tax Tribunal.

All of this experience shaped him to be an all-round barrister. He has a down-to-earth approach and gives practical advice based on sound judgment backing up robust courtroom skills.

### Crime

#### Fraud & Business Crime

Fraud cases in the last six years of his active practice (preceding his sabbatical) involved misconduct in a public office of the UKBA, national mortgage fraud, a computer attack on Britain's largest casino chain and a conspiracy to defraud the land registry and probate office. They also include:

- **R v I and Ors** Leading junior in multiple tiered banking fraud.
- **R v R and Ors** 4 week aviation fraud.

- **R v A** Leading junior in a 5 week 'Romance Scam' where the defendant had conducted an international fraud on vulnerable women all over the world via Match.com, and defrauding them out of their entire estates.
- **R v S** Leading junior in an 8 week "Cattle Ringing Fraud" for breaches of Cattle Identification Regulations and the Animal Welfare Act.
- **R v M** Fraud involving tiers of transactions, multiple identities & layered accounts.
- **R v F & Ors** Accountant charged with false accounting and conspiracy to defraud as part of a national mortgage fraud.
- **R v O** Misconduct in a public office: 6 week trial of a senior UK Border Agency member of staff.
- **R v T** Fraud involving a factory creating false immigration documents: EU wide.
- **R v F** Leading junior in a large conspiracy to defraud land registry and probate office.
- **R v K** Animal welfare act offences and breaches of Cattle Identification Regulations.
- **R v M & Ors** Fraud and facilitating illegal entry, involving a sophisticated attack on the UK immigration system.
- **R v B** Casino fraud via remote access by computer hackers.

## General Crime

Marcus Rickard's general cases in the six years preceding his sabbatical ranged across a broad spectrum including:

- **R v HL & Ors** - 5 week kidnapping trial.
- **R v U** Experienced teacher charged with beating his 6-year-old daughter with his belt.
- **R v W** Indecent images case against airline pilot: dismissed after defence submissions.
- **R v W** Alleged attack on bailiffs with Samurai swords and mallets.
- **R v M & Ors** High profile group attack on Sainsbury's staff.
- **R v W** Possession of indecent images, over 2 million images.
- **R v A** 6 week conspiracy to import Class A drugs.
- **R v K & Ors** Conspiracy to facilitate entry of prostitutes into UK.
- **R v M & Ors** Stabbing at the Notting Hill Carnival.
- **R v T** Arsenal v Manchester United Champions League riot.
- **R v A** Death by careless driving "second accelerator case".
- **R v K** Attempted murder by shooting after a New Year's Eve party.
- **R v Z** Conspiracy to commit arson.
- **R v Z** Stag party stabbing at a Holiday Inn.
- **R v T** Large scale importation of Class C drugs.
- **R v C** Armed robberies and stabbing in a nightclub.
- **R v B** Blackmail, false imprisonment.
- **R v D** Robbery.
- **R v M** Rape.

- **R v A** Karate kick with studded boot to face in National League game.

## **Professional Disciplinary & Regulatory**

In addition to crime, before his sabbatical, Marcus had appeared in First-Tier Tax Tribunal (VAT) where he successfully representing an Appellant against HMRC. This took over 4 years from initial instruction to conclusion, spanning three separate hearings.

## **Other Specialisms**

Marcus has also advised in public law proceedings, including judicial reviews proceedings on prison law. He has appeared in the Chancery Division of the High Court leading a case bringing contempt of court proceedings. Cases in the years preceding his sabbatical include:

- **R (on the application of Y) v Secretary of State for Justice and the Parole Board** Concerning prison law and domestic and European jurisprudence on recall of prisoners.
- **S v S** Committal hearing in relation to contempt of court (Chancery Division of the High Court) and **R v S** Condemnation proceedings

## **Education**

University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, BA Hons

## **Memberships**

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers

Inner Temple