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Cameron is principally instructed in serious and complex fraud and corruption cases. He regularly acts as leading Counsel in such cases.

He has significant experience in the prosecution and defence of cases involving fraudulent trading, ponzi schemes, money laundering, benefit fraud, duty evasion, conspiracy to defraud, Fraud Act related offences, VAT/ Carousel fraud, Carbon Credit fraud and Cheating the public revenue.

Cameron has acted in a number of serious cases involving prosecutions of Companies and individuals by the Insolvency Service. In 2017 he was appointed as Standing Counsel to the Insolvency Service.

Cameron's work as nominated disclosure Counsel has led to a detailed working knowledge of PII, RIPA and other disclosure issues. He has acted in two different cases where the schedule of unused material has exceeded 300,000 pages. He has also advised on the use of evidence from foreign jurisdictions and offences committed abroad. He has experience of visiting prosecuting authorities abroad to liaise in respect of obtaining and the use of foreign evidence. Cameron has been SC vetted.

Cameron has lectured at the Inns of Court School of Law in relation to ethics and to the City of London Police in relation to Fraud Offences. He has contributed to Lexis-Nexis in relation to Bankruptcy and Insolvency Offences and Westlaw in relation to Cheating the Public Revenue/ VAT fraud. He is author of the newsletter 'Fraud Matters'. He is a fluent Spanish speaker.

Cameron is currently instructed in a number of serious and complex corruption and fraud cases. Cameron is qualified to accept instructions through direct access.

See more

Practice Areas –

- **Criminal Defence & Prosecution**

Cameron principally prosecutes on behalf of the leading government agencies, including the Serious

Fraud Office, the Financial Conduct Authority, CPS Fraud Divisions and the Insolvency Service. Cameron also defends high net worth individuals and Companies involved in cases of complex fraud and corruption

- **Fraud & Financial Regulation**

Cameron has particular experience in large scale VAT/ MTIC and investor frauds, having been involved in a number of such cases brought by CPS Fraud Divisions as leading, evidential and disclosure Counsel. He also has significant experience in corruption cases, having dealt with a number of such cases on behalf of the Serious Fraud Office and the CPS. He has also acted as a LPP Counsel in a number of significant cases.

- **Asset Recovery, Restraint and Confiscation**

Cameron has been involved in the prosecution and defence of a number of related and non-related confiscation/ recovery of proceeds of crime cases, under both the CJA 1988 and POCA regimes.

- **Professional Discipline**

Cameron also undertakes regulatory work, in particular in relation to accountants and actuaries. He has appeared on a number of occasions at the First Tier Tax Tribunal and High Court on VAT related cases.

Court of Appeal

- *R v O* Reported Court of Appeal decision in relation to sentencing guidelines following convictions for offences under sections 2 and 4 of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997. See *R v. Onabanjo* [2001] 2 Cr. App. R. (S.) 7
- *R v L* Acted for the Crown in the Court of Appeal in an appeal against conviction dealing with the circumstances in which a judge is required to leave the defence of duress to a jury. See *R v. Lyness* [2002] EWCA Crim 1759.

General

- *R v J* Acted for the Crown in the prosecution of a senior member of the 'Trident Ploughshares' nuclear disarmament action group following an attempted raid of the Atomic Weapons Establishment, Aldermaston.
- *R v H* Defending an allegation of murder at Oxford Crown Court as Junior Counsel.
- *R v. M* Appeared as defence counsel at Southwark Crown Court in case involving significant breaches of CITES legislation (commercial importation and exportation of hippo, elephant and whale ivory).
- *Operation Spallation, R v T and Others* Cameron was Junior Prosecution Counsel in this successful CPS Fraud Group Prosecution of two Customs Officers and associated cash and carry

traders (8 further Defendants) at the Central Criminal Court. The Prosecution involved serious allegations of corruption and resulted in 9 convictions and various sentences of imprisonment.

- *R v C* Cameron was sole prosecution Counsel in this NHS Protect/CPS Prosecution. The case involved the Defendant making various applications for senior public health positions in the NHS and other bodies, having previously been convicted of similar offences. The Defendants pleaded guilty on the morning of trial and is due to be sentenced in January 2017.
- *R v A* Cameron, instructed by the Specialist Fraud Division of the CPS, prosecuted Jon Andrewes in relation to one count of obtaining property by deception and two counts of fraud by misrepresentation. The counts related to misrepresentations Andrewes made as to his qualifications and employment history over a ten-year period to obtain senior positions in the NHS, including chair of the Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust, earning in excess of £1 million over that period. Andrewes was sentenced to two years imprisonment on the 6th March 2017, with confiscation proceedings to follow.

Large Scale Dishonesty

- *R v Lenares* First successful prosecution of South American ATM manipulation gang at Southwark Crown Court.
- *Operation Twilight: R v N and three others* Successful prosecution of Operation Twilight, involving 154 witnesses and over 3,000 exhibits at Inner London Crown Court. The Case involved raids of some 24 Pret a Manger restaurants.
- *Operation Solution: R v S and eight others* Successful prosecution of Operation Solution at Southwark Crown Court involving large scale postal theft (£6 million pounds). Subject of a BBC documentary.
- *Operation Ides: R v A and 4 others* Prosecution of Operation Ides at Southwark Crown Court. The case involved the hijacking of benefit claims between 1999 and 2004. Three Defendants pleaded guilty and two defendants had a six week trial. Cameron was sole prosecution Counsel and conducted confiscation proceedings after the trial, including the appeal to the Court of Appeal. See – [2011] EWCA Crim 1488; [2011] Lloyd’s Rep. F.C. 584; Official Transcript and reported at Archbold at 5 – 1043.
- *R v K and 6 others* Appeared as sole defence counsel in January 2007 in relation to an allegation of conspiracy to money launder with six others. Defendant pleaded guilty on third day of trial following service of additional evidence.
- *Operation Yogin: R v F and others* Appeared as junior prosecution counsel for RCPO in a trial relating to the importation of 12 million counterfeit cigarettes. Conducted re-trial alone of one defendant. See *R v Draper, Eastabrook and Frost* [2008] EWCA Crim 3206
- *R v A* Sole Prosecution counsel in 2008 case involving large-scale money laundering following £3 million pound benefit fraud.
- *R v L* Successfully represented defendant accused of fraudulent trading. Defendant alleged to have been involved in large-scale fraud involving assistance aid products for the elderly and

disabled.

- *R v EL* Junior Prosecution junior (led by Cairns Nelson QC) in prosecution of case involving importation of heroin and cocaine, with a value in the region of £1.5 million pounds.
- *Operation Airdrop: R v AOH* Sole Prosecution counsel in cases concerning numerous money laundering offences following a multi-million pound benefit fraud, all of which resulted in substantial sentences of imprisonment and confiscation orders.
- *R v GCWX* Sole Prosecution counsel in this successful prosecution of four individuals involved in commercial importation of cigarettes, with over 15 million cigarettes and 2.5 tonnes of tobacco imported.
- *Operation Decade, R v W and 2 others* Cameron was one of two juniors (led by Jonathan Kinnear QC) in this successful prosecution of an accountant and two property developers charged with evading over £1 million in income tax, through the double manipulation of their accounts and tax returns. The case involved the management of over one million pages of unused material and extensive evidence from forensic accountants. Cameron was primarily responsible for the disclosure exercise, in addition to acting as Junior Counsel during the trial.
- *R v M* Sole Prosecution Counsel in this successful CPS Fraud Group Prosecution. The case involved the investment of £760,000 of monies over an eight year period into a wine investment portfolio which in fact did not exist.
- *R v A* Sole Prosecution Counsel in this successful Serious Fraud Office prosecution of Andrew Litt, Company Director of DJ Litt. The case involved a classic Ponzi style fraud relating to expensive shotguns and firearms, with funds from new creditors being used to pay older creditors. Some £57.5 million was invested, with losses in the region of £8.2 million.
- *Operation Vaultier, R v D and Others* Cameron acted as Junior Prosecution Counsel in this successful CPS Fraud group prosecution of a multi-handed £20 million pound MTIC fraud, at Kingston Crown Court.
- *Operation Jammed* Cameron was leading Counsel in this successful CPS Organised Crime Division prosecution of 4 individuals responsible for the laundering of the proceeds of a £7 million theft of carbon credits from the Czech Republic. Cameron also responded to the unsuccessful appeals to the Court of Appeal Criminal Division.
- *Operation Vista, R v M and Others* Cameron acted as junior Prosecution Counsel in this multi million pound money laundering prosecution brought by CPS Fraud Group North at Manchester Crown Court. The case involved 7 defendants, including those responsible for organising the laundering of the funds from a European VAT fraud and the owner/employee of the money service business (Omnis FX Capital) who distributed the funds. The six Defendants received total combined sentences in excess of twenty years.
- *R v MB* Cameron acted alone as Prosecution Counsel in this successful Dept. for BIS prosecution in Aylesbury Crown Court. The Prosecution involved an undischarged bankrupt, assisted by his book keeper, acting in the management of two Companies and fraudulently removing Company Property. The conviction of the undischarged bankrupt resulted in a

sentence of 20 months imprisonment and 7.5 year director disqualification.

- *R v G* Cameron acted in this successful CPS Fraud Group North prosecution of a Family law solicitor, who was convicted of four counts of fraud by false representation relating to her tax returns.
- *HMRC v A* £15.8 million judgment secured in the High Court against former director of Mediagrade Limited, a company involved in large-scale MTIC/ VAT fraud.
- *Operation Rosary, R v FW* Cameron was lead Junior (led by by [Jane Bewsey QC](#)) in this successful CPS Fraud Group North prosecution of two directors involved in a substantial Carousel/ MTIC fraud. Cameron oversaw the disclosure process over a four year period as well as acting as lead Junior during the original three month trial and re-trial.

Insolvency

- *R v. D* Convictions secured on behalf of BIS in relation to trading under a prohibited name and fraudulently failing to disclose the removal of assets from a company. Cameron acted as sole Prosecution Counsel. Confiscation order made in the amount of £160,000, following legal argument about the impact of R v N.
- *R v. David Liddicott* Convictions secured on behalf of Dept. for BIS in relation to fraudulent disposal of property following a bankruptcy order, falsification of a document relating to his affairs and concealing debts following a bankruptcy order.
- *R v H* Successful Dept. for BIS prosecution of a shadow director who managed three companies, including one with a prohibited company name, where losses of in excess of £2 million were sustained.
- *R v M* Cameron acted as leading Prosecution Counsel, along with Daniel Stevenson of these chambers, in this successful Thames Valley CPS prosecution at Amersham Crown Court. Following a five week trial the Defendant was convicted of 6 counts of fraud, fraudulent trading and forgery, principally relating to a property investment scheme. He was sentenced to 7 years in custody, a ten year director disqualification and a 5 year Serious Crime Prevention order.
- *R v LO* Cameron was sole prosecution Counsel in this successful Dept. for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy prosecution at Leeds Crown Court. The case involved allegations of failing to keep accounting records that were sufficient to show and explain the transactions of the Company, misconduct in the course of winding up and making material omissions in statements relating to the affairs of the Company. The Defendants received suspended sentences of imprisonment, 200 hours of community service each and ten year director disqualifications.
- *R v DM* Cameron acted as sole prosecution Counsel in this successful Dept. for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy prosecution at Kingston Crown Court. The case involved allegations of managing and promoting a Company, Lord Moser PLC, while disqualified from doing so. The Defendants received substantial fines, costs orders and Djurberg was disqualified as acting a director for a further term.

Regulatory

Cameron has previously advised in relation to the AADB investigation into Actuaries connected to Equitable Life. He has appeared in a number of cases in the High Court and First Tier Tax Tribunal relating to HMRC's denial of input tax.

In 2014 Cameron assisted the FCA civil investigation, including the compilation of a large number of witness statements, into the case of Alberto Micallizi, the former hedge fund manager and CEO of Dynamic Decisions Capital Management Limited (DDCM).

In 2017 Cameron was instructed by the FCA to carry out an LLP review of in excess of 30,000 electronic documents in relation to one of its more significant criminal investigations.

Following his appointment to the list of advocates prosecuting on behalf of the Health and Safety Executive, Cameron acted in the successful prosecution of Kismet Kebabs, a small kebab processing factory. The company's failure to follow correct health and safety procedures in relation to its machinery led to the serious injury of one of its employees. The Company was fined £17,500 and ordered to pay a substantial sum towards prosecution costs.

Expert Texts

Cameron has written in relation to insolvency/ bankruptcy offences and cheating the Revenue.

Education

St Peter's College, Oxford University - 1993 – 1996 (BA and MA – Jurisprudence – Upper Second)

Inns of Court School of Law - 1997 – 1998 – 'Very Competent'

Inner Temple Neville Laski QC scholar

University of Toledo Law School, Foreign Intern

Appointed a member of the New York Bar - 1999

Qualified to accept instructions through direct access

Memberships

Associate Member – St Paul's Chambers, Leeds

Fraud Lawyers Association - Committee Member

Criminal Bar Association