Andrew Haslam KC

Call: 1991 | Silk: 2018

"Sought after for his expertise in prosecuting and defending in high-value financial crime and fraud cases, including investment and VAT fraud."

The Legal 500 2022

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Expertise

Criminal Fraud & Proceeds of Crime

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News
Following a series of trials spanning four years, Andrew Haslam KC (leader) and James Lake have successfully concluded the prosecution of a multi-million-pound fraud investigation, regarded as one of the largest ever conducted by North Yorkshire Police.
The investigation uncovered a series of fraudulent high yield investment schemes which targeted high net worth individuals and were run by a partner at a city law firm. The losses to investors were in excess of £20 million.
The defendants were charged with offences of fraud by abuse of position, fraud by false representation, theft and money laundering.
The trials, conducted at Birmingham Crown Court, resulted in 12 convictions and sentences in excess of 115 years.
North Yorkshire Police
coverage: https://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/news/north-yorkshire/news/court-results/2024/04-april/fraudsters-jailed-after-vast-and-complex-ponzi-scheme-investigation/

Police Misconduct

Police Law/Disciplinary

Andrew has long-standing expertise in police law and disciplinary work. He provides specialist advice and representation to police officers facing Misconduct Proceedings (including Appeals) as well as criminal charges in the Crown Court.

Andrew's experience covers a wide range of disciplinary allegations in complex and high-profile cases, including:

- Corruption
- Dishonesty
- Harassment
- Improper use of force
- Misuse of confidential information
- Neglect of duty
- Theft

He is also one of a select group of barristers who is instructed on behalf of the Police Federation to represent its members.

Having represented officers in a number of separate force areas, Andrew accepts instructions throughout the country.

He is also available to provide specialist training to forces and law firms.

Inquests & Inquiries (Public Law)

Inquests and Inquiries
Andrew is an experienced practitioner in the field of inquests and public inquiries having represented bereaved families, trade unions, government bodies, local authorities and the emergency services in lengthy and complex investigations into unexplained deaths.
He provides guidance, advice and representation throughout the entire process, from the first contact with the coroner and pre-inquest stages such as attending conferences and pre-inquest reviews, through the forensic overview of medical evidence and records and to the final hearing.
Andrew's experience covers a wide range of areas including:
· Company negligence under health and safety legislation
· Fatal accidents at work relating to equipment and the workplace
· Inquests arising out of road traffic fatalities
· Local authority / social services related deaths
His expertise covers inquests with and without jurors, while he is also able to advise on potential civil claims for damages post-inquest.

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Environmental Regulation and Prosecutions

Environmental Regulations

Andrew provides expert advocacy and advisory services in environmental law and practice.

Andrew has a wealth of experience in the defence of a wide variety of cases brought by the Environmental Agency under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. He has particular expertise in cases that involve the owners / directors of farms and rural land.

Andrew's extensive case experience includes defending companies and individuals accused of breaches of waste licences and permits and illegal waste dumping. He has extensive knowledge of the areas of exemptions and disclosure as well as the financial issues associated with Environmental Agency prosecutions and subsequent proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Andrew recently acted for a company director charged with offences under section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 [knowingly permitting the deposit of controlled waste] and knowingly permitting the operation of an unauthorised regulated facility [Regulations 12 and 38 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales] Regulations 2016.

Awards

- Crown Court Recorder 2008. Serious Sex (Class 2)
- Serious Fraud Office (SFO) Counsel Panel Member

Memberships

- North Eastern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association (CBA)
- JUSTICE

Appointments

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Qualifications

- LLB (University of Leicester)

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