



ST. PAULS CHAMBERS

ALEX BATES



Alex is currently on an extended sabbatical from St Paul's, having developed a specialism in international criminal law whilst prosecuting war crimes and crimes against humanity for the United Nations.

Personal Details:

Education and Qualifications:

- LLM in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Distinction) Lancaster University (2005)
- Bar Vocational Course 1994, graded Very Competent
- MA in Law, Queens' College, Cambridge University (1992)
- Market Weighton School, East Yorkshire

Year of Call: 1994

Career summary to date

May 2003-July 2004

Alex was the youngest-ever international prosecutor appointed by the United Nations in Kosovo. Reporting directly to the UN's Director of the Department of Justice in Pristina, Alex regularly appeared before both domestic and international judges as sole prosecution trial counsel in serious and politically sensitive matters. In particular, he conducted a year-long judicial investigation of five members of the Kosovo Liberation Army accused of abducting and killing civilians during the war with Serbia in 1998-9. He also handled cases of terrorism, murder, weapons and explosives cases, official corruption and serious sexual abuse.

August 2006-October 2009

Alex's second overseas posting was to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. He was a senior assistant prosecutor at the ECCC, the joint UN-Cambodian tribunal established to prosecute the senior leaders of the former Khmer Rouge movement for crimes committed in Cambodia between 1975-1979. Allocated responsibility for the case against Kaing Guek Eav (alias Duch), Alex conducted the entire judicial investigation and the initial phase of the public trial for the prosecution, together with his Cambodian co-counsel. Duch was accused of running S-21, the Khmer Rouge's most important torture and extermination centre at which more than 12,300 victims were executed. He was charged with war crimes, crimes against humanity, homicide and torture.

During his years in Cambodia, Alex also studied conflict resolution and gained a UN certificate in Cross-Cultural Negotiation in 2008, and was a contributing author to the Ashgate Publication *The Criminal Law of Genocide* (edited by Henham and Behrens 2007).

October 2009-present

Alex currently acts as an international criminal law consultant.

His recent work includes consultancies for the Defence Office of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (in Beirut) and field missions to Cambodia and Sierra Leone for the British Institute of International and Comparative Law.

Alex is also a Teaching Fellow at Lancaster University, where he lectures on War Crimes Trials to LLM students

He has also recently given lectures at Cambridge University, Leeds University, Lancaster University, the London School of Economics, London's School of Oriental and African Studies and the London Jewish Cultural Centre.

Domestic Practice

Prior to his work with the United Nations, Alex had developed a solid practice in serious and violent crime, drugs and large fraud cases, both for the Defence and the Prosecution. He was appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown, Attorney General's Panel of Prosecution Advocates in 2002, and had received commendations from West Yorkshire Police Force for his conduct of a fraud prosecution (R v Wanless).

Other information

Alex conducted hearings in French in Cambodia, and speaks conversational Spanish, basic German and Khmer.

He is fully conversant with Mac OS, Windows, CaseMap, TextMap, Case Matrix, PowerPoint, Photoshop and Adobe Acrobat Professional.