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Cameron Brown KC specialises in the most **serious fraud**, **corruption** and **Company Act** cases.

Recognised in the Legal 500, he is known for his down to earth approach to clients, detailed case preparation and targeted, fearless cross examination.

He is regularly instructed in such cases by private individuals and major corporate clients, to appear in court or an advisory basis, who appreciate his tactical approach, commitment to clients and commercial judgement. He has considerable knowledge and experience of compliance issues, internal investigations by the leading prosecuting and other regulatory agencies, corporate criminal liability and Deferred Prosecution Agreements. He has appeared in a number of cases involving complex market frauds, international corruption and legal professional privilege issues. He has specialist knowledge of disclosure issues and restraint / confiscation applications arising in **financial crime** investigations / prosecutions.

His experience and approach led to a number of notable appointments prior to taking silk, including Standing Counsel to the Insolvency Service and a member of the 'A' Panel for the Serious Fraud Office. He has acted for the FCA in a number of their cases. He conducted a number of major cases for those agencies, frequently as leading Junior.

Cameron is well placed to advise on the latest developments in white collar crime, having appeared regularly and recently at the Court of Appeal, including in a number of leading authorities relating to **money laundering** and confiscation. He has previously contributed to Lexis / Nexis in relation to fraud offences and lectured to Police Forces, Government Departments and Law firms on topics ranging from the FCA to Police Disciplinary Powers.

Cameron sits part time as a Judge in a number of regulatory disciplines and is thus well placed to assess cases from a judicial standpoint. This includes sitting as an independent judge for the Met, City of London Police and Ministry of Defence Police. He also sits as judge for England Golf and the Lawn Tennis Association, in relation to their disciplinary and safeguarding cases, and is familiar with many of the issues arising in sports litigation.

Cameron is able to accept cases through **direct / public access** and is GDPR accredited.

Cameron is a door tenant at St Pauls Chambers and a full-time member of Red Lion Chambers, London.

Expertise

Financial & Corporate Crime

Cameron principally prosecutes on behalf of the leading government agencies, including the Serious Fraud Office, the Financial Conduct Authority and CPS Fraud

Divisions. Cameron occasionally defends in cases of complex fraud.

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.

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.

Notable Financial & Corporate Crime cases

R v David Lee

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 Neuberger.

Operation Decade - R v Warman & 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 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.

HMRC v Amar

£15.8 million judgment secured in the High Court against former director of Mediagrade Limited, a company involved in large-scale MTIC/ VAT fraud.

R v Hugh Lucie Smith

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 Andrew Litt

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.

R v Milton

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.

Operation Vaulter - R v Davies & 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 Rosary - R v Forde & Whellams

Cameron was lead Junior (led 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.

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 Spallation - R v Tahir Khan & 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.

Operation Vista - R v Mohammed Aslam & 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 Martin & Butterfield

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 Martin

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 custodial, a ten year director disqualification and a 5 year Serious Crime Prevention order.

R v Gerald

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.

R v Lancaster & O'Donnell

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 Conrad de Souza

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 Djurberg & Moser

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.

Crime

Cameron specialises in the prosecution of serious and substantial fraud cases on behalf of the leading prosecution agencies. He regularly act as leading Counsel in such cases. He was appointed as a 'level 4' prosecutor by the CPS and a specialist prosecutor on their Fraud and Organised Crime Panel. He was also appointed as an 'A Panel' prosecutor by the Serious Fraud Office and to the Health and Safety list of Prosecuting Advocates. He regularly acts on behalf of the criminal prosecutions department of the Insolvency Service and as specialist Counsel for the Financial Conduct Authority. The majority of his cases are reported in the national press.

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 is SC vetted.

Notable Crime cases

R v Onabanjo

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.

R v Lyness

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.

Operation Twilight - R v Nicolov & 3 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 Shamba & 8 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 Ayankoya & 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.

Operation Yogin - R v Frost & 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.

R v Arthur & Odurah

Sole Prosecution counsel in 2008 case involving large-scale money laundering following £3 million pound benefit fraud.

R v Michael Elliot

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).

R v Lorraine Mathews

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 Eccles & Leece

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 Abdulsalam, Olawore & Habeeb-Oluwa

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 Guan, Chen, Weng & Xje

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.

Regulatory Law Barristers

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).

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.

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.

Notable Regulatory Law Barristers cases

R v Gary Fulton [2017] EWCA Crim 308

R v Aslam [2017] EWCA 277

R v Hanif Patel [2015] EWCA Crim 1998

R v Ayankoya [2011] EWCA Crim 1488

R v Draper, Eastabrook & Frost [2008] EWCA Crim 3206

Aylott v Grey (Current Law 2006)

Gregory v Buncher & Haseler Ltd (Current Law 2004)

Burgess v Brown [2003] 5 Q.R. 10

R v Lyness [2002] EWCA Crim 1759

R v Onabanjo [2001] 2 Cr. App. R. (S.) 7

Bailey v Brigham [2001] 6 Q.R. 8

Appointments

- SFO's QC Panel (2021)
- Kings's Counsel (2020)
- Legal Advisor to the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) (2018)
- Standing Counsel to the Insolvency Service (Criminal Enforcement) (2018)
- England Golf Disciplinary Panel (2017)
- CPS Advocate Panel at Level 4 (2013)
- Fraud and Serious Crime Group Panels at Level 4 (2013)
- 'A' List for SFO Prosecution Panel & Proceeds of Crime Panel (2013)
- List of Advocates Prosecuting on behalf of HSE, ORR and the Environment Agency (2012)
- SFO Counsel (2009)
- Attorney General's list of Prosecuting Advocates (2006 and 2002)