


## Richard Littler KC

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### Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- ARDL
- PPA

### Education

- LLB Manchester University
- Inn: Grays

### Fraud

Richard Littler KC is a criminal silk conducting serious and high-profile fraud/ business crime cases. He is Head of Manchester Exchange Chambers Criminal Department and Head of Professional Discipline across the set.

As a Junior Richard was regularly instructed in high value and paper heavy MTIC and business fraud cases, publicly and privately funded. He is commonly asked to advise in high profile private prosecutions.

- He successfully defended Gregory Frankel in Frankel and Others 202 – 2024, a trial lasting 10 months concerning the largest money laundering case in UK legal history with a value of £264m involving Nat West Bank, Bernie Ecclestone and James Stunt.
- He famously dismissed the largest HMRC tax avoidance case in legal history, a £134m film scheme fraud (R v Hirst & Hughes) and later advised in a private prosecution arising from it.

Richard defends often professional clients in publishing fraud, mortgage fraud, fraudulent trading, trading Standards violations, MTIC and international trade based money laundering. This career path for Richard was not necessary through choice but because he gets results. The reason being is simple, he is first and foremost a simply outstanding and charismatic advocate in front of a jury. He has prosecuted at a high level and that gives him an edge when defending. He represents clients from a variety of professions and earns their respect quickly.

He is an expert in his field and highly regarded delivering lectures and written published articles. It is the combination of his intellect, wealth of experience, his calming influence with clients, his northern charm and superb advocacy skills which makes him a heavyweight criminal defence silk who you want fighting in your corner, whatever the crime.

## Recommendations

### What do Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 have to say?

“Richard is a very hard working silk – his advocacy, both written and verbal, are excellent. He is an excellent advocate that juries warm to, and clients are delighted to have him on their side.” **The Legal 500 2024**

“His attention to detail is great and his advocacy is amazing. He has incredible knowledge of the law.” **Chambers and Partners 2024**

Ranked Tier 1 for Professional Disciplinary Law Ranked Tier 2 for Crime (General and Fraud) **The Legal 500 2023**

“He has a wonderful calming manner with clients.” **Chambers and Partners 2023**

“An exceptionally bright KC.” “He is a brilliant advocate with an excellent manner with clients.” **Chambers and Partners 2022**

“Richard Littler KC is another stand-out name and displays expertise in cases involving terrorism, organised crime and fraud.” **The Legal 500 2022**

“A leading advocate in the criminal and regulatory arena.” “His broad practice includes cases of serious violence and terrorism.” **The Legal 500 2021**

“His broad practice includes cases of serious violence and terrorism.” **The Legal 500 2020**

### What others say about Richard?

“I have worked with Richard for many years, dealing with some of the most serious and complicated cases. He is fearless in his defence of clients, meticulous in preparation and consistently gets brilliant results.” **Damian Wall Senior Partner & Criminal Defence Lawyer Complex Crime.**

“..his attention to detail has been exceptional. The hard work and commitment he gives to the cases is proven by the great results that he receives. His client care is wonderful and the clients not only want to use him again but recommend his services to others, which in itself is a sign of the quality of his work.” **Kerry Morgan Senior Partner & Criminal Defence Lawyer Complex Crime.**

## Beyond the Bar

Richard has written many published legal articles, regularly presents lectures to fellow professionals, attends schools and universities to meet with students and is currently part of a professional committee advising and contributing towards a government report on ADHD in the Criminal Justice System: A case for Change (a topic Richard has a strong personal interest in).

He is also a keen musician and has played lead guitar in a number of bands performing at venues such as Kendal Calling Festival, the Cavern, Band on the Wall, the Deaf Institute and other well-known venues. He and the charity punk band Red Corner raised money for important charities and performed at the Manchester Legal Awards Ball in 2018.