



Richard Lissack QC

Call Date: 1978 | Silk Date: 1994

Richard's practice is a nationally and internationally recognised leader in the fields of international banking and financial services, anticorruption legislation / Bribery Act, commercial fraud, health and safety, public inquiries and regulatory breaches.

At present he is leading teams in the UK and internationally on several of the landmark banking / regulatory / criminal cases, including *The London Whale*, *Barclays Capital Raising* in Qatar, *LIBOR*, *USB FOREX*, *ENRC v Dechert LLP*, *Conoco Phillips*.

Richard has been called to the Bar, or is a licensed practitioner in, London, New York, Northern Ireland, Eastern Caribbean and Dubai International Financial Centre Courts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

'He has the ability to see the wider picture and is completely charming and collaborative.' "The way he conducts his cases is deeply impressive.' **Banking And Finance, Chambers and Partners 2019**

'A tremendously good barrister.' "He's a very experienced and knowledgeable advocate who is good with the team and has a commercial approach. Good to work with.' **Health and Safety, Chambers and Partners 2019**

'He is very shrewd and strategic, and very client-friendly.' "He really does think outside the box. He has come up with amazing suggestions and solutions, and he is one of the boldest and bravest advocates.' **Financial Services, Chambers and Partners 2019**

'A corruption guru,' who is "very charismatic, very imaginative and a creative thinker. He's a forceful, skilled advocate, who tailors his submissions to his audience very well." "Richard is tactically astute, excellent with clients and one of the few QCs that understands the needs of a corporate client. He's smooth in court, diplomatic and highly persuasive.' **Financial Crime, Chambers and Partners 2019**

'Deeply impressive knowledge of banking and finance law, and advocacy skills.' **Banking and Finance, Legal 500 2019**

'He is an exceptional lawyer, willing to confront received wisdom with energy and forensic finesse.' **Business and Regulatory Crime, Legal 500 2019**

'He instils confidence in the client, with authoritative and to the point contributions.' **Civil Liberties and Human Rights, Legal 500 2019**

'An absolutely terrific advocate who spans the world of commercial law, crime and regulation.' **Financial services regulations, Legal 500 2019**

'Gives very calm and measured advice and clients rate him highly.' **Fraud: Civil, Legal 500 2019**

'A silk with a first-class brain.' **Health and Safety, Legal 500 2019**

'An expert on money laundering, who is exceptionally responsive and commercial.' **Banking and Finance, Legal 500 2016**

'Exceptionally good at smoothing out stressful situations.' **Business and regulatory crime, Legal 500 2016**

'A real heavyweight with a fantastically holistic approach to his work.' **Civil Liberties and Human Rights, Legal 500 2016**

'He distils his advice down to a commercially digestible form.' **Crime Fraud, Legal 500 2016**

'He combines extraordinary knowledge with an extremely approachable manner.' **Health and Safety, Legal 500 2016**

Clearly a market leader in handling regulatory work.' **Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law, Legal 500 2016**

"A prodigiously hard worker who is very creative and will find good points. He's very easy to deal with." **Financial Crime, Chambers & Partners 2016**

"A strong leader, collegiate in his approach and someone who has got the very hard-earned respect of the regulator." **Financial Services, Chambers & Partners 2016**

"He is obviously a very knowledgeable FS silk. He has the skills you would expect of a barrister of his seniority: he's very good at presentation, has very deep experience and is user-friendly." **Financial Services, Chambers & Partners 2016**

"Enthusiastic, client-friendly and someone with a wealth of experience." **Inquests & Public Inquiries, Chambers & Partners 2016**

"He really is a standout QC. He sees all the angles to complex problems and he's remarkable in his ability to address these complexities." **Financial Services, Chambers & Partners 2015**

"He's an advocate who can turn his mind to anything." **Inquests & Public Inquiries, Chambers & Partners 2015**

"Fantastically holistic and aware of all the angles to complex business and regulatory agendas." **Banking & Finance, Legal 500 2015**

"He inspires confidence." **Business & Regulatory Crime, Legal 500 2015**

"His knowledge and experience is first rate." **Fraud, Legal 500 2015**

"He makes judges believe he's right." **Professional Discipline & Regulatory Law, Legal 500 2015**

"His advocacy is excellent. He's very measured and he's got the ear of the judges." "He has very good judgement in terms of what points to run and what points not to run." **Financial Services, Chambers & Partners 2014**

"A very good performer who is bright and experienced, and knows how to charm." **Professional Discipline, Chambers & Partners 2014**

"A very effective advocate. He has a wide, high-quality practice." **Professional Discipline, Chambers & Partners 2014**

"The sort of advocate in whom any board of directors will have absolute confidence" **Business & Regulatory Crime, Legal 500 2014**

"He knows how banks operate and is the go-to person for any and every regulatory issue." **Banking & Finance, Legal 500 2014**

"He combines considerable practical experience with a keen intellect." **Civil Liberties & Human Rights, Legal 500 2014**

"He brings exceptional judgement and client handling skills to his work." **Employment, Legal 500 2014**

"He is very client friendly, a pleasure to work with and very commercial." **Fraud, Legal 500 2014**

"Often involved in big-ticket financial Services regulatory matters." **Professional Discipline & Regulatory Law, Legal 500 2014**

BANKING

Over the past four years Richard has worked on several of the stand out banking cases both in the UK and Internationally, most of which have expanded to cover related crime, regulatory and employment issues.

CASES

Barclays Bank Qatar Capital Raising

Lead Silk on case involving multiple \$Billions. Clients: Nick Benwell, Partner Simmons & Simmons. Luke Tolaini, Partner, Clifford Chance. Simon Davis, Partner, Clifford Chance. [All recommended in *Chambers & Partners 2015*].

Barclays Bank v PCP Capital

Disputed £800m claim by Amanda Staveley's investment consultancy services PCP Capital relating to \$Billions Barclays Bank Qatar capital raising. Client: Colin Passmore, Senior Partner, Simmons & Simmons [Recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

JP Morgan London Whale

The London Whale case involving the \$Billion hole in the bank's accounts, including the first ever Judicial review granted against the FCA for refusal to continue and complete their investigation. Linked matters include the issuing of a Corporate Warning Notice and US criminal proceedings, the Macris appeal by the FCA before the Supreme Court and co-parties law suits against the FCA for damage to reputations. Client: Graham Huntley, partner, Signature Litigation [Recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015]

In re Bank

Lead Silk acting for the bank in the case of allegations of manipulation of LIBOR banking system. Client: Peter Burrell, Partner, Willkie Farr & Gallagher [Recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

In re 'A' Bank

Regulatory and compliance advice for a new Bank operating in UK, Africa and USA. Client: Kevin Abikoff, Partner Hughes Hubbard, Washington D.C.

UBS Bank Forex Manipulation case

Lead Silk in UBS Bank Forex manipulation case brought in New York, London and Zurich. Linked employment case and advice. Client: Tim Aron, Partner, Arnold & Porter [Recommended in *Chambers & Partners*].

BUSINESS CRIME

For several years Richard has been recommended as a leader in business Crime in the legal directories and has led on some of the most significant commercial and regulatory cases.

CASES

In Re Innospec

First US-UK joint corporate monitorship under \$40 million settlement, following bribery case. Client: Kevin Abikoff, Hughes Hubbard, Washington DC.

HP & Autonomy

Acting for the CFO of Autonomy in several allegations of corporate fraud both by the SFO in the UK and the FRC in the USA in relation to \$8Bn sale of Autonomy to HP. Client: Stephen Gentle, Partner Simmons & Simmons and John Keker, Partner, Keker and Van Nest [Both recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

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ENRC

Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation investigation [won]. Three separate strands to £26M stand out cases including proceedings against previous solicitor Dechert's costs, now in Court of Appeal and linked to a professional negligence case before QBD and a criminal enforcement case brought by the SFO. Client: Graham Huntley, Partner, Signature Litigation [Recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

DISCIPLINARY & REGULATORY

For many years Richard has been a leading Silk for disciplinary and regulatory law in relation to banking, financial services and business crime.

CASES

Southern & Scottish Gas Networks

Advice on gas network liabilities and public safety. Client: In House Counsel.

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Lead Silk on case involving multiple \$Billions now includes separate case for Claim by PCP. Capital for investment advice for capital raising. Clients: Nick Benwell, Partner Simmons & Simmons. Luke Tolaini, Partner, Clifford Chance. Simon Davis, Partner, Clifford Chance. Colin Passmore, Senior Partner, Simmons & Simmons [All recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

For several years Richard has been recommended in the legal directories and in *Chambers & Partners*. He is listed as a Star Individual.

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HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT

For many years Richard has been rated as a Star Individual in *Chambers & Partners* and *Legal 500* and he has worked with the legal directory's highest rated solicitors.

CASES

Conoco Phillips North Sea Oil & Gas

Incident arising from leak of gas at landing station. Clients: Jonathan Isted & Daniel Lawrence, Partners, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer [Both recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

A major power supplier

Defending company investigated for Corporate Manslaughter following the death of a linesman working in a Devon valley. Clients: Catherine Wolfenden and Mary Lawrence, Partners Osborne Clarke [Both recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

Hanson Products

Alleged breach of Health and Safety Law after employee fatality at work. Clients: Sally Roff and Anne Harrison, DAC Beachcroft [Both recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

Re Sevenoaks District Council

HSE investigation into employee fatality at work. Client: Sally Roff, Partner, DAC Beachcroft [Recommended in *Chambers and Partners* 2015].

Hanson Environment

Test case on air pollution. Client: Sally Roff and Anne Harrison, DAC Beachcroft [Both recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

Buncefield Oil Refinery Explosion

Advice on regulatory liabilities and Health & Safety aspects of Europe's biggest peacetime explosion. Client: Jonathan Isted, Partner, Freshfields [Recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

PUBLIC LAW

For many years Richard's practice mainly featured the most significant Public Inquiries such as, Shipman, Southall Rail Inquiry, Bristol Royal Infirmary and the Ladbroke Grove and Potters Bar Rail Crashes, but his practice is broader now.

CASES

Trustees of Jimmy Saville Estate Trusts

Investigation into status of Saville Trusts following police investigations, recently agreed outcome. Client: Jo Summers, Partner PWT Advice LLP [Recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

Haug v Acting Coroner & Attorney General of Cayman Islands

Judicial Review granted for case against acting Coroner to change Inquest verdict from 'open' to 'suicide' – won. Costs are now being sought. Client: Colin McKie QC, Partner, Maples & Calder [Recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

Bristol Royal Infirmary Public Inquiry

Bristol Heart Children Action Group at Bristol Royal Infirmary Public Inquiry, handling related fatal and acute brain damage claims for bereaved and injured. Client: Laurence Vick, Partner, Michelmores [Recommended in *Chambers & Partners* 2015].

Re Harold Shipman

Richard led the team of five counsel representing the families of over 240 patients murdered by Dr Harold Shipman throughout the Public Inquiry into his conduct, chaired by Dame Janet Smith. The Inquiry was seminal in changing the regulation of medicine (and general practice in particular) across the UK, and beyond.

Re Southall, Ladbroke Grove, Hatfield Rail and Potters Bar rail crashes

Richard appeared at the Public Inquiries into each of these rail disasters chaired by Lord Cullen and Professor Sir John Uff QC representing the Police and other allied law enforcement agencies concerned with each crash and its aftermath and investigation

APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Bencher, Inner Temple
- Bar of the Eastern Caribbean
- Federal Bar Council of New York
- Northern Ireland Bar
- Dubai International Financial Centre Courts
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Financial Services Lawyers Association
- Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- International Bar Association
- Bar European Group
- American Counsel Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel

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