Eleanor Mawrey KC

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Eleanor Mawrey KC is an experienced barrister practising in serious crime and is ranked in the Financial Crime section of both the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners UK.

She is a grade 4 CPS Prosecutor and appointed to the SFO A panel. She is experienced in dealing with large document heavy cases with significant reliance on digital evidencing and telecoms analysis. She has been praised for her ability to unpick expert evidence, making it accessible to a jury and her success in cross examining expert-witnesses.

Eleanor has considerable experience prosecuting and defending in the following areas of financial crime:

- Bribery and corruption
- Fraud including high value investment fraud, income tax fraud and VAT evasion and Ponzi schemes
- Insider dealing/market abuse
- Other FSMA 2000/FSA 2012 offences including miss-selling and contraventions of the general prohibition (unauthorised business).

Eleanor also prosecutes and defends all other types of criminal cases including those involving serious violence/injury, firearms offences and drugs cases. Recent cases include:

- Murder/Attempted murder
- Perverting the course of justice
- S.18 GBH
- Conspiracy to possess firearms
- Conspiracy to import/supply Class A drugs
- Causing Serious injury by dangerous driving
- Kidnapping and false imprisonment

Eleanor is also regularly instructed in high value Proceeds of Crime applications relating to the detention of cash or the freezing of assets/accounts.

She is currently instructed in the Undercover Policing Inquiry (UCPI).

Eleanor has experience dealing with private prosecutions and insurer funded cases.

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Eleanor accepts instructions via direct access.

Areas of Expertise

Fraud and Financial Crime

Eleanor is ranked in Chambers UK and the Legal 500 for financial crime reflecting the quality of this flourishing part of her practice both prosecuting and defending. She regularly prosecutes and defends in very high value cases; often where the defendant is a professional or other position of authority. Eleanor is a CPS Grade 4 fraud specialist prosecutor, on the Serious Fraud Office A panel. She is a Panel B Specialist Regulatory Counsel.

As a result of her work in this area, Eleanor also deals frequently with Proceeds of Crime Act [POCA] matters including confiscation and restraint matters. She regularly appears in high value applications for the detention of cash or freezing of assets/accounts. She also has considerable experience in ancillary orders following trial such as Director's Disqualification and Serious Crime Prevention Orders.

Bribery & Corruption:

- R v Anderson & Others (2025): Eleanor acts as junior counsel in the multi-handed prosecution of Joe Anderson (former Mayor) and others relating to corruption and misconduct within Liverpool City Council.
- SFO v GPT, Cook & Mason (2024). Eleanor acted as junior counsel for the SFO in the recent high-profile prosecution of bribery and corruption case involving contracts to supply military telecoms equipment to the Saudi Arabian National Guard under a government to government arrangement run by the Ministry of Defence.

Fraud

- R v F (2025): High value Cheating the Revenue case relating to tobacco distribution.
- R v Doudu & others (2024); Leading Francesca Kolar in this successful prosecution of a high value multi-handed Gift Aid Fraud committed against HMRC on behalf of ten churches.
- R v Odulele (2023) Leading Callum Morgan of 9KBW successfully prosecuted serial scammer who faked CEO's signature and stole a doctor's identity
- R v Major and Attra (2020) Successfully prosecuted this fraud on the Legal Aid Agency committed by a solicitor and a translator.
- R v Scrafton (2019) Successfully prosecuted this former solicitor who defrauded a charity for whom he acted as trustee.
- Das v Asplin (private prosecution 2017-8) Junior counsel for main Defendant who was the CEO of an insurance company.
- R v Afshar (2018) Prosecuting the Director and the accountant of company in relation to a substantial VAT fraud

FSMA Offences

- Operation S (2020-2022) advising the FCA in relation to breaches of FSMA, in particular in relation to the making of

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financial promotions.

- FCA v Bhandari (2017) Junior Counsel for the FCA in this investment fraud perpetrated by a number of individuals including a doctor.
- FCA v Richard Joseph, (2010-2013) a case in which she was instructed pre-charge and which attracted one of the highest sentences for insider dealing to date.

Crime

Eleanor is instructed across all areas of serious crime. She appears for the prosecution and defence in the most serious offences. Many of the cases that Eleanor deals with are gang related. She has considerable expertise dealing with sensitive material and PII applications.

Notable Crime cases

R v Anderson: Prosecuting (2024)

Prosecution (leading Laura Hibberd) of an attempted murder involving a shooting between rival gangs on a busy street in broad daylight shortly after the making of a drill video.

R v Clark & Others: (2021)

Prosecuting (leading Jennie Oborne) attempted murder and perverting the course of justice case in the context of a neighbour dispute.

R v Christophe & Others (2020)

Successfully prosecuted 5 individuals for conspiracy to possess firearms after they were found in car with two loaded guns.

R v Simms (2019)

Prosecuting attempted murder in which the victim was doused in petrol and set alight.

R v Zalucki (2019)

Successfully prosecuted a very high value (total value £50m) excise duty case relating to the importation and processing of raw tobacco.

R v P (2025)

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Multi-handed conspiracy to supply Class A drugs across the country.

R v G (2025)

Causing serious injury by dangerous driving arising out of a collision with a pedestrian on the Tottenham Court Road.

R v B (2025)

Multi-handed conspiracy to supply multiple drugs using snapchat/telegram.

Inquiries

Eleanor is currently instructed to represent a police officer in the Undercover Policing Inquiry (UCPI).

Appointments

- Recorder of the Crown Court
- Bencher of Gray's Inn
- SFO panel A list
- CPS Grade 4 General Crime
- CPS Grade 4 Specialist Fraud Panel
- Bar Council's Equality, Diversity and Social Mobility Committee
- Former Co Vice-Chair of Bar Council's Equality, Diversity and Social Mobility Committee (2020-2024)
- Former Co-Director of Equality and Diversity for Criminal Bar Association (2014-2024)
- Elected Bar Council Member (2006-2021)

Education

- BA Hons (History Major/Spanish Minor) Leeds University
- PG Diploma in Law City University

Memberships

- South Eastern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association

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- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Financial Services Lawyers Association
- Female Fraud Forum

Notable Cases

Bribery & Corruption:

- SFO v GPT & Others (2014-ongoing). Eleanor acts as junior counsel in this high-profile bribery and corruption case.
  Fraud
- SFO v Rivera (2020-ongoing) Eleanor acts as junior counsel relating in this fraud and money laundering matter relating to secret profits made on the back of trades in biodiesel;
  R v Major and Attra (2020) Successfully prosecuted this fraud committed by a solicitor and a translator on the Legal Aid Agency.
  R v Scrafton (2019) Successfully prosecuted this former solicitor who defrauded charity for whom he acted as trustee ,
  Das v Asplin (2017-8) Junior counsel for main defendant who was the CEO of an insurance company in this private prosecution.
  R v Afshar (2018) Prosecuting the Director and the accountant of company in relation to a substantial VAT fraud
  FSMA Offences
- Operation S (2020-ongoing) advising the FCA in relation to breaches of FSMA, in particular in relation to the making of financial promotions.
  FCA v Bhandari (2017) Junior Counsel for the FCA in this investment fraud perpetrated by a number of individuals including a doctor.
  FCA v Richard Joseph, (2010-2013) a case in which she was instructed pre-charge and which attracted one of the highest sentences for insider dealing to date.

Serious Violence

- R v C & Others: (2019-ongoing) Prosecuting (leading Jennie Oborne) this attempted murder and perverting the course of justice case in the context of a neighbour dispute.
- R v Simms (2019) Prosecuting this attempted murder in which the victim was doused in petrol and set alight.
- R v Christophe & Others (2020) Successfully prosecuted 5 individuals for conspiracy to possess firearms after they were found in car with two loaded guns.
- R v W (2019-ongoing) Grievous Bodily Harm/Wounding with Intent S.18 Serious assault in the context of a domestic argument.

Importation/ Customs Offences

- R v Zalucki (2019); Successfully prosecuted a very high value (total value £50m) excise duty case relating to the importation and processing of raw tobacco.
- R v Plamadeala (2019); Prosecuting importation of 2.5m cigarettes through Newhaven.
- R v Robinson (2019); Successfully prosecuted this importation of high purity cocaine from South America.

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