

John Elvidge QC

Barrister

Overview

The Legal 500 2020/2021

"An excellent leader with a cool head."

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2021

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John Elvidge QC is an experienced Silk who has led in many important high profile criminal cases on the North Eastern Circuit. His practice includes homicide, fraud, organised crime, sexual exploitation and modern slavery. He receives instructions in large complex cases under VHCC contracts (prosecution and defence). He also undertakes regulatory work, including health & Safety prosecutions, professional disciplinary hearings and licensing.

PERSONAL SUMMARY

John Elvidge advises and represents professional people facing allegations of misconduct or serious criminal offences. He is instructed by the Police Federation to represent its members.

He has a background of advocacy in the criminal, civil and administrative courts and undertakes tribunal and licensing work.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Professional complaints and discipline
- Inquests
- Courts Martial
- Health and Safety
- Licensing
- Crime
- Personal skills



Year of Call / Year of silk

1988 / 2010

Practice Areas

[Crime](#)

[Regulatory](#)



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Examples of cases involving serious allegations of misconduct/offending in a professional context.

- Re A: Conspiracy to defend
- Re S: False accounting
- Re D: Causing death by dangerous driving (on duty Police Officer)
- Re T: Prostitution (misconduct in a public office)
- Re A: theft (misconduct in a public office)
- Re G: Rape
- Re G: Indecent exposure
- Re S: Professional Disciplinary (Police Officer)
- Re M: Taxi Licensing
- Re S: Professional Disciplinary – (Pharmacist)

John Elvidge is a highly sought after advocate who practises and is known throughout the North Eastern Circuit.

Outside the Legal environment his significant managerial and leadership skills led to his appointment as Head of Chambers, Dere Street Barrister.

Appointments:

Queen's Counsel (2010)

Head of York Chambers (2011)

Head of Dere Street Barristers
(2011 to date)

Master of the Bench,
Gray's Inn (2014)

Leader of the North Eastern
Circuit (2014 to 2016)

Education:

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Tyne

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Stewart QC (2 Harcourt
Buildings, Temple & annex at
17, Blake Street, York

Memberships:

Gray's Inn

North Eastern Circuit

Criminal Bar Association

Bar Council (2007/10,
2013/16)

General Management
Committee of the Bar Council
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Directory Recommendations

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Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2020

"A very well-respected barrister."

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2019

"He is very insightful and he has a keen eye for detail. He gets straight to the point and is a very tenacious advocate." "He is very experienced and very calm."

The Legal 500 2019

"A stalwart and very self-possessed silk."

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2018

"He has excellent advocacy and client care skills. The matter was complex and despite having the case sent to him late, he mastered the vast amount of evidence with ease and speed."

The Legal 500 2017

"Very experienced in high-profile homicide cases"

The Legal 500 2016

"Experienced in a range of heavyweight cases."

The Legal 500 2015

"He is, for many, the first-choice silk on the North Eastern Circuit"

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