

## Peter Makepeace QC

Barrister

### Overview

The Legal 500 2020/2021

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Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2021

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#### PERSONAL SUMMARY

Peter has practised exclusively in Criminal Law since 1994 and has extensive experience of defending and prosecuting individuals and corporate bodies in areas of regulatory crime, professional standards, public service compliance and licensing.

Peter has developed a particular reputation in cases requiring sensitivity of approach either through the nature of the proceedings or the vulnerability of witnesses, parties or the accused etc. He is acknowledged to have an exhaustive approach to case preparation and manages his diary to ensure serious cases are afforded the proper case management they require.

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Business crime and regulatory compliance
- Environment
- Health and safety
- Firearms
- Licensing
- Managing health and safety
- Motoring offences



Year Of Call / Year of silk

**1988 / 2016**

#### Practice Areas

[Crime](#)

[Regulatory](#)



- Copyright and media
- Trading standards
- Transport and logistics regulatory

#### **PERSONAL SKILLS**

25 years Jury advocacy in the most serious cases Regulatory compliance Advice.

Expert pre charge Advice Negotiation and mediation Alternative dispute resolution.

#### **NOTABLE CASES**

- R –v– W and others – Defended in conspiracy to import and distribute “legal high” ecstasy substitute based on Piperazine derivative following prosecution brought by MHRA
- R –v– K – multi million pound fraud and corruption trial concerning procuring rail network maintenance contracts
- R –v– DC – HSE Prosecution Gross Negligence Manslaughter – Defended on behalf of the NFU
- R –v– E – Prosecuting peer to peer file sharing music site “Oink uk” for copyright fraud following investigation by IFPI

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"He has a very good manner and is fantastic with clients."

The Legal 500 2019

"Highly recommended for a broad range of complex criminal matters."

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2019

"No job is too big or too small for Mr Makepeace." "A real master with juries."

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2018

"He is an absolutely excellent new silk who has more than proved himself."

The Legal 500 2017

"His recent cases include murder, people trafficking and historic sexual abuse"

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2017

"He is a wonderful silk who is rated highly by the market."

The Legal 500 2016

"Well regarded for serious crime cases."

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2016

"Very experienced, competent and very busy"

The Legal 500 2015

"His attention to detail is first class, and his advocacy is persuasive and powerful"

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2015

"He takes time out to prepare; he works very thoroughly and is an engaging barrister who gets on

## Appointments:

Queen's Counsel 2016

Recorder (Crime) 2009

Crown Prosecution Service  
- Specialist Advocate Panel -  
Fraud 2013

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## Professional Qualifications

Bar finals - Lincolns Inn 1987 -  
1988 (Hardwicke Scholar)

Bachelor of Laws (Hons) -  
University of Wales

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## Memberships

Member of Criminal Bar  
Association

Member of North East Circuit

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