

Francis FitzGibbon K.C.

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Legal 500

EXPERTISE

Francis FitzGibbon K.C. has a wide-ranging and diverse trial practice covering all types of serious crime (prosecuting and defending), as well as high-profile appellate work (including the Supreme Court case of [Jogee \[2016\] UKSC 8](#), which radically changed the law of joint enterprise), lately focussing on victims of human trafficking, and miscarriage of justice cases, and cases before the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

He accepts instructions, in London and nationally, to provide advice and advocacy for private and legally aided clients, as well as under the Bar's Public Access scheme. He also accepts instructions in professional disciplinary matters, and advises professional clients in other jurisdictions.

Francis was Chair of the Criminal Bar Association (2016-17) and is a Bencher of Middle Temple.

Francis has been recognised as a leading barrister in Crime for many years, and is ranked in the Legal 500, as 'a highly intelligent Silk'.

Other comments include:

- 'Very talented'
- 'Firm and robustly fearless'
- 'A charmer with the jury'
- 'Excellent'
- 'Provides a seamless service'
- 'A true expert in human trafficking work'



Expertise

Criminal

Regulatory

Immigration

International & Offshore

Clerking team



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What Others Say

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Notable Cases

Recent cases include

- **L:** defending double attempted murder
- **Chard:** prosecution of four men who assassinated a rival major drug dealer
- **A:** defence of a man charged with failing to report suspected terrorist activities by his cousin; acquitted on a retrial in 2020
- **D:** successful defence of a man charged with murder, who rammed his car into a thief who had stolen his motorbike,
- **H:** Administrative Court decision on availability of 'slip rule' in the case of a mistaken guilty plea in the Youth Court (reported at [2021] 1 Cr App R 23)
- **GS:** appeal by a victim of human trafficking (reported at [2019] 1 Cr App 7)
- **M:** the extensively reported 'Colindale Allotment murder' in 2018