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Francis has a wide-ranging and diverse practice, covering most areas of serious crime, from homicide to financial crimes, sex offences to terrorism, and high-profile appellate work. The latter includes acting for interveners in the Supreme Court case of Jagee [2016] UKSC 8, which radically changed the law of joint enterprise, and miscarriage of cases before the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

He has a growing reputation in the North East as a Silk who takes on the most difficult and challenging cases, both legally aided and private. He is also a member of chambers at 23 Essex Street.

He 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 first-class silk with a very good academic mind.'

Other comments include:

'Very talented'

'A charmer with the jury'

'Excellent'

'Provides a seamless service'

Francis contributed to A Practitioner's Guide to the Law and Regulation of Financial Crime (Sweet & Maxwell 2011). He writes regularly for the London Review of Books (including articles on Brexit, the reforms to legal aid and a miscarriage of justice in the USA).

He blogs on topical legal issues: Nothing Like the Sun. He can also be found on Twitter as @ffgqc

Francis has given seminars on subjects that include money laundering, corporate homicide, aspects of criminal appeals, and contempt of Court.