

## Mr Antony Hook

Call 2003

### Legal Work

Antony worked in house as a Crown Advocate, CPS, Grade 3 (2010 – 2013) He was the Head of Fraud and Confiscation for CPS in Cambridgeshire and conducted or oversaw about £3.5 million of confiscation litigation and obtained around 140 asset restraint orders. He led Cambridgeshire's POCA work to make it one of the best performing CPS areas in the country. Antony pioneered systematic use of POCA s. 22 by CPS to revisit available assets in old confiscation cases. He prosecuted as advocate or reviewing lawyer large scale fraud and other serious cases including:

**Operation Pecan** - organised thefts across England of highly endangered birds.

**R v S and others** - theft and fraud of £2 million

**R v M and others** - MOD corruption and bribery case following investigation by MOD Police and reporting directly to the Attorney General's office on developments and decisions in the case.

**R v A and others** - 11-handed "crash for cash" insurance fraud case.

**R v B and others** - 3-handed fraud of a national criminal group arranging for driving tests to be taken by imposters generating six-digit criminal profits.

**R v AS** - six-digit figure money laundering case of funds between England and Africa and with victims in Canada, Scandinavia, Middle East, Africa.

**R v NW** - fraudulent furniture business with several dozen victims throughout UK and Ireland.

**Re v D** - fraudulent car leasing company.

**R v H & L** - organised professional burglaries.

**R v P** - attempted murder (frenzied stabbing).

## 2004-2010 Practice at the criminal bar

Cases included:

### ***Court of Appeal***

***R v Monaghan and others [2009] All ER (D) 225***, effect on sentence of a curfew while bail during transition to new provisions. Also conducted trial at first instance (multi-handed armed robbery).

***R v Colin Moore 2009***, Unfairness of summing up by judge in trial of issue for a severely handicapped defendant.

### ***High Court***

***Visvaratnam v Brent Magistrates' Court (2010) 174 JP 61***, Successful judicial review following adjournment and prosecution failure to warn key witness.

***Nicola v Enfield Youth Court [2008] All ER (D) 94***. Successful judicial review of delay of trial for young defendant. Also, a precedent for costs against the CPS rather than central funds (protecting the legal aid budget)

***R (on app of Costello) v North East Essex Magistrates' Court [2006] All ER (D) 294***, Successful judicial review of refusal to adjourn when defendant and his key witness had faced a grievous trauma shortly before trial. Art 6 ECHR engaged.

***Khan v Waltham Forest Justices [2007] All ER (D) 29***, Judicial review of delay in committal proceedings. Important strong obiter remarks against unofficial "one free adjournment" policy that had taken hold in some London magistrates' courts.

***Cebelis v Lithuania [2006] All ER (D) 251***, Early case on requirements on European Arrest Warrant, in particular whether facts cited on the EAW must bear relationship to legal provisions cited on it; whether challenge can be made on basis that requesting state will endanger defendant's ECHR rights.

## Non-Legal Work

### **Present:**

Adviser to Local Human Trafficking Awareness Groups in South East England November 2013 - May 2014

Liberal Democrat Candidate for the European Parliament Executive Chairman of the Campaign to Re-elect Catherine Bearder MEP 2007

Contributor to "*We can cut crime*", Liberal Democrat White Paper on crime.

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