

Gideon Cammerman KC

Head of Chambers

Called: 1996

KC: 2017

Email: clerks@187chambers.com

Telephone: 020 7430 7430

Gideon Cammerman KC, Head of Chambers, is a top ranked silk in fraud and regulatory cases. Gideon is currently instructed in many of the highest profile SFO and CPS fraud investigations including Patisserie Valerie, Entain (former CEO), ENRC (primary individual), Balli Steel (first defendant), Unaoil, Petrofac and Petrobras. As primarily a robust trial advocate, he has also appeared in many of the highest profile trials in recent years including the Carillion Audit trial before the Financial Reporting Council, Balli Steel fraud trial, the Alstom corruption case, LIBOR rate–fixing and the Weavering Capital Fund fraud. Gideon has prosecuted many £multi-million fraud private prosecutions, all successfully.

Gideon has a particular expertise in dealing with the crypto assets, both in resisting freezing applications and recovering crypto assets.

Gideon is also instructed by individuals, company directors and government departments to advise and act in cases outside the sphere of public litigation. These clients have included offshore jurisdictions, companies conducting internal investigations, online gambling companies and sportspeople (gambling and doping related). In recent years, Gideon has also had a particular focus on financial sanctions and the consequences to non-sanctioned individuals of sanctions regimes.

Gideon is regularly instructed to appear before the tribunals including the Financial Conduct Authority, the Financial Reporting Council, the Gambling Commission, National Anti-Doping Panel, British Horseracing Authority, he was for a number of years the senior external Case Presenter for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. Gideon has acted in a number of Health and Safety Act cases, in particular those relating to construction and groundworks.

Specialist Areas

Criminal Defence	Criminal Prosecution
Fraud & Financial Crime	Private Prosecution
Asset Forfeiture and Confiscation	Professional Discipline
Inquests & Inquiries	Regulatory Law
Public Law	Court Martial & Military Law

Specialist Areas	
Tax Appeals	Sports Law

Testimonials

"Gideon is my go-to barrister and incredibly persuasive and a brilliant advocate. He is very solution focused and is always thinking about finding a way through."

Chambers & Partners 2027

"Gideon is a committed and diligent advocate with an unrivalled ability to read the court. He is client friendly and pragmatic and not afraid to fight for his client and the success of the case."

Chambers & Partners 2027

"Gideon is an expert in this space, one of the top KCs in the field. He's strategically brilliant, and an expert advocate."

Chambers & Partners 2027

"He has the combination of being ferociously clever and creative, and spectacularly brave."

Chambers & Partners 2027

"He is very tenacious and works extremely hard."

Chambers & Partners 2027

"He explains complicated legal issues in a very down to earth manner that the client understands. He cuts to the chase and provides solutions."

Chambers & Partners 2027

"Gideon is a committed and diligent advocate with an unrivalled ability to read the court. He is client friendly and pragmatic and not afraid to fight for his client and the success of the case."

Chambers & Partners 2027

“A heavyweight silk in this area of law.”

Legal 500 2027

‘Gideon is an incredibly clever and imaginative lawyer, who has commercial sense and is unflappable with clients. His advocacy is flawless.’

Legal 500 2026

"Gideon Cammerman KC of 187 Chambers is an experienced criminal silk with noted expertise in defending and prosecuting financial crime cases. He is highly proficient in fraud and corruption cases and is highlighted for his particular skill in leading private prosecutions. Cammerman has significant experience representing clients in Serious Fraud Office investigations."

Chambers and Partners 2026

"Gideon is a committed and diligent advocate with an unrivalled ability to read the court. He is client friendly and pragmatic and not afraid to fight for his client and the success of the case."

Chambers and Partners 2026

"Gideon is very hard-working, responsive and client-oriented."

Chambers and Partners 2025

"Gideon quickly gets to the essence of the case and presents complex financial information to a jury in an easily understandable manner, so as to give life to the case. He is a skilled and persuasive advocate who quickly gains the trust and confidence of the court."

"Gideon is unbelievably committed. Clients love him for his practical advice. He is hugely respected and understands exactly how to present fraud cases to a jury"

Legal 500 2025

"He is an impressive and persuasive advocate who can pick up hugely complex fraud cases in no time and is incredibly client-friendly."

Chambers and Partners 2024

"Gideon is hard working, client-focused and very user friendly. He is also very commercial in his approach to cases."

Legal 500, 2024

Ranked In



Cases

Fraud & Financial Crime

Fraud and financial crime is at the heart of Gideon's practice. He has acted and remains instructed in many of the highest value, and most technically challenging, fraud cases. These have included the Patisserie Valerie fraud (£100m), Balli (£300m), Weavering Capital Fraud ($632m) and the LIBOR rate fixing.

SFO v PM – £100m fraudulent trading case

SFO v A – £300m trade finance fraud.

Royal Mail v NS – £80m declaration fraud.

R v CG Ltd – Building project fraud, private prosecution.

R (Hunter Ltd) v Lawless – Successful private prosecution for £2m fraud

R (Khassenov) v Kulich – Successful private prosecution in a multimillion dollar international fraud

R v Peterson, Weavering Capital Fund Fraud – Representing hedge- fund manager charged with fraudulent trading in financial instruments with an alleged loss of $626m

Criminal Defence

Gideon defends in criminal case of all types. Although his focus is on financial crime, Gideon has acted in many of the Modern Slavery cases, when the Act first came into force (**R v Connors and others [2013] EWCA Crim 324).** Consistent with his pedigree, Gideon has acted in many murders and other offences of serious and organised crime.

R v Jabari Shelton – Defending internationally known individual (A$AP Bari) charged with sexual assault

R v Rooney and 16 others – Defending main defendant in the largest slavery prosecution in England and Wales

AG of Jersey v Norris – Defending in importation of a tonne of cannabis to Jersey

R v Connors and others [2013] EWCA Crim 324, Southampton and Bristol trials, – Defending members of the Travelling Community charged with Slavery. Secured the first acquittal under section 71 Coroners and Justice Act in England and Wales. Responded to appeal against the Attorney General on a reference

R v Jake Davis and others– Defending an alleged ‘hacktivist’ and spokesperson for the ‘Anonymous’ collective, an organization committed to freedom of access to the internet that had attacked the websites of the FBI, CIA, Senate and the NCA. Mr Davis avoided extradition to the US and served only 1 month in custody despite the gravity of the charges he faced

R v Jogmahon (Trinidad) – Advising on all aspects of bringing a private prosecution for murder in Trinidad

Criminal Prosecution

Before taking silk, Gideon was a prosecutor for HMRC (Customs Panel), the specialist casework division of the CPS and other government departments (AG’s Panel). Gideon no longer accepts instructions of government prosecutors and focuses instead on private prosecution. Gideon has successfully prosecuted a number of multi-million pound and high profile private prosecutions. He has also been regularly instructed to deploy his unique depth of knowledge of private prosecutions in defending.

R (Hunter Ltd) v Lawless – Successful private prosecution for £2m fraud

R (Khassenov) v Kulich – Successful private prosecution in a multimillion dollar international fraud

Orenstien v Pradhan – Successful private prosecution for fraud and perverting the course of justice

Asset Forfeiture & Confiscation

Gideon acts in all aspects of asset restraint and recovery under the Proceeds of Crime Act, with a particular emphasis on crypto asset restraint and forfeiture . These include restraint, freezing orders, moratorium, civil forfeiture and confiscation. These, in Gideon’s view, are not being challenged robustly enough.

Police v JS – Successful challenge of £2.7m crypto asset freezing order. All funds returned to client.

AG v Bank – Successful challenge to high street Bank’s restraint and moratorium of HNW client’s balances.

NCA v C – Successfully resisting applications for moratorium and subsequent restraint for Chinese client at the request of Taiwanese authorities.

AK v Bank – Negotiating release of balances with high street bank of individual closely related to sanctioned individual.

SFO v A – protection of assets held by family trust from confiscation order.

Bribery & Corruption

Gideon is instructed in many of the largest bribery and corruption cases currently under investigation by the SFO and abroad. These include Entain, ENRC, Petrobras, Petrofac,

Balli and others. He has appeared in the Court of Appeal and on application to the Supreme Court AIL v SFO [2016] 1 Cr App R 21 on bribery and corruption issues.

CPS prosecution of KA – Instructed for main subject who was CEO of company in largest DPA (£600m) in the history of the criminal justice system.

SFO investigation into B – Instructed for main subject of ongoing investigation and then trial into multi-national trade finance company

SFO investigation into P – Instructed for director of agent in ongoing investigation into petrochemicals company. Not charged

SFO investigation into G – Instructed for primary subject of corruption of investigation into mining interests in Africa. Not charged

Re A (Unaoil) – Instructed to represent potential defendant in Unaoil investigation by DoJ and SFO. Not charged

R v Graham Hill, Alstom Corruption case [2016] 1 Cr App R 21 – Successfully defended this international corruption case involving infrastructure projects from Delhi to Tunis.

Professional Discipline

Gideon was the senior external case presenter for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants for a number of years and developed a deep understanding of PD. He acts in the SDT, ACCA, medical practitioners' disciplinary bodies of various types and sports disciplinary tribunals, including the BHA, National Anti Doping Panel and others.

FRC v AB (KPMG) – Gideon acted for an individual KPMG employee alleged to have failed properly to audit the accounts of Carillion shortly before it went into a £Multi Bn administration.

Regulatory Law

AG of Jersey v Building Co – Advising on fatal accident case in Jersey

FRC v KPMG – representing an accountant before the FRC over the audit of the collapsed giant Carillion.

National Anti-Doping Panel v T – Successfully acting for boxer charged with doping offence

Gambling Commission v X Ltd – Director of online gambling company cleared of wrongdoing

British Horseracing Authority v X – Acted for jockey charged with illegal betting

Professional Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers

- Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association
- Chatham House

Awards, Qualifications & Other

- Cambridge University, Fitzwilliam College – BA, 1994 (1912 Academic Scholar, Academic Prize for top mark in year 1993)
- Inns of Court School of Law – BVC 1995 – 1996 (Harmsworth Scholarship, 1995 and Diplock Major Scholarship, 1995)

Direct Access

Gideon Cammerman KC is qualified to accept instructions directly from clients and is registered under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme, meaning that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come directly to him. In addition, he welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions directly to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. For more information please visit our Direct Access page here.