

**EDWARD FRANKLIN**

**YEAR OF CALL 2006**



### **Overview**

Edward Franklin specialises in complex or sensitive criminal cases. He is an experienced jury advocate. He is frequently commended for his written advocacy and advices. Edward has an appetite for hard work and marries intellectual rigour with creativity of thought. He enjoyed a career in commerce before qualifying as a barrister.

### **Particular areas of practice**

- Fraud
- Money Laundering
- Bribery and corruption and misconduct in public office
- Confiscation
- Complex disclosure exercises and LPP issues
- Organised crime
- Sexual crime/human trafficking
- Private Prosecutions
- Corporate Defence

### **Memberships**

Gray's Inn

### **Panel Lists**

SFO list B panel  
CPS – Grade 4  
Rape and Serious Sexual Offences specialist list  
Serious Crime Group Specialist Panel Member, level 4  
Fraud Specialist Panel Member, level 4  
Proceeds of Crime Specialist Panel Member, level 4

Direct Access qualified

Examples of recent or current work in which Edward has represented clients is as follows.

### **Fraud and Money Laundering**

1. 2016–2019 – Operation Kadenza –the largest Vishing (telephone phishing) fraud in UK history split into multiple trials. Over £113m was defrauded from corporate victims.
2. LIBOR/EURIBOR cases. Edward was involved in the SFO's prosecution of these frauds from 2013 until 2017. His role included advising on case preparation and dealing with experts. Latterly, he provided advice to the central disclosure team on disclosure issues and oversaw the disclosure process.
3. 2019 – Currently instructed in a multi-defendant conspiracy to defraud a corporate victim.

### **Bribery, corruption and misconduct**

4. 2019 – Currently instructed in a bribery and corruption case in connection with commercial agreements worth many millions of pounds.
5. 2018 – R v Dance and Others – led junior for the Crown in multi-handed misconduct in public office case following investigation by Panorama into Secure Training Centres run by G4S. This was a sensitive and high-profile case involving young and vulnerable complainants and national press interest.
6. 2017–2018 – Advised the Attorney General of Jersey on the alleged misconduct of public officials.

### **Confiscation**

7. 2019 – R v Feezan Hameed – Currently instructed in a complicated, contested, multi-million pound hidden assets case involving overseas assets.
8. 2016 – R v Guraj – appeared in Court of Appeal and advised on appeal to Supreme Court where the Appellant's position was vindicated.
9. 2018 – A complex confiscation case involving heavy page count and expert evidence on contested drug valuations.
10. 2019 – Confiscation proceedings resulting in a negotiated settlement after UK wholesale importers of illegal merchandise were convicted after three years of litigation.
11. 2019 – Edward recently appeared in restraint proceedings for the Crown.

### **Disclosure and Legal Professional Privilege**

12. Edward has particular expertise in advising clients on large-scale disclosure exercises. He has a wealth of experience designing the process and leading teams of counsel in such exercises. He has advised the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the Serious Fraud Office in some of the largest disclosure exercises ever handled by the state. He has also advised the Attorney-General of Jersey in a complex disclosure exercise.
13. Edward has extensive experience acting as independent counsel reviewing documents for legal advice privilege and legal professional privilege. This has involved applying the most recent case law. Edward is currently involved in advising the SFO on legal professional privilege.

## **Organised Crimes**

14. 2018–2019 – R v Asseum. Current prosecution of a UK based member of an organised criminal network providing false identity documents in bulk to professional European contacts.

15. 2016 and 2018 – R v Spanton. A series of prosecutions of a notorious national ticket tout and fraudster. Successful application for a Serious Crime Prevention Order.

16. 2019 – Currently instructed in a case involving importation of over 200kg of class A drugs. Advisory work

17. 2017–2018 – Edward has advised the Attorney General of Jersey on dozens of charging decisions of grave and sensitive matters including serious sexual offences.

18. Edward advises private defence clients on criminal and regulatory matters. He recently advised a private defence client in a driving case which resulted in serious injury to another road user (2019).

## **Sexual Crimes/People trafficking**

19. 2017 – R v Javany – A trial involving violent marital rape which occurred over a four year period.

20. 2017 – A trial involving serious, repeated sexual assault upon a five-year-old child.

21. 2018–2019 – R v Ring and Szuda – a trial to do with human trafficking and brothel keeping. Most of the victims gave evidence from abroad.

22. 2016 – R v Waise – A trial involving allegations of sexually motivated kidnap and attempted kidnap of 11 children.

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