



BIOGRAPHY OF MARK RAINSFORD QC RS LEGAL STRATEGY LIMITED

Mark Rainsford QC is the Chairman and Head of Litigation at RS Legal Strategy Limited, and a world-renowned Queen's Counsel with an international practice. He specialises in corporate wrongdoing, business crime, civil and commercial fraud, asset recovery, and proceeds of crime cases. Mark has been a QC for twelve years and spent two of those years in the City, as Head of Fraud Litigation at the Band 1 white collar crime City Law firm Bivonas LLP.

Growing up in Derbyshire's Peak District, Mark's summer jobs included working 12-hour shifts in several factories, farming and construction work. As an undergraduate at the London School of Economics, at Bar School and as a pupil barrister in common law chambers, Mark worked as waiter at the Savoy Hotel. One evening he served an Aristocratic trial judge who during the same day presided over a Crown Court trial that Mark was prosecuting. After being taken on in chambers in The Temple, for ten years Mark accepted instructions in all manner of cases, including commercial, criminal, family, and general common law. Throughout his career he has earned a considerable reputation for handling the most complex of criminal cases. Since 1996, Mark has specialised in major fraud, bribery and corruption and proceeds of crime trials and related civil and commercial proceedings.

Mark has been involved in some of the most high-profile international fraud cases, advising states, government officials, Global Fortune 500 and FTSE 100 multinational corporations, financial institutions, and individual directors. He has been recognised as one of the world's foremost business lawyers in the Who's Who Legal directory and is a leading individual QC for proceeds of crime and financial crime. He is well known for his capacity to quickly assimilate mass information, analyse case information, devise effective strategies and then appear as a powerful and persuasive advocate. Mark has successfully achieved acquittals or non-prosecution outcomes for many of his high profile and ultra-high net worth clients.

In 2003, Mark met his business partner Jason Sugarman QC when he became Jason's leading prosecution counsel on a major money laundering trial, instructed by the HM Customs Revenue two weeks prior to the trial. With Jason's assistance, Mark rallied the team, assimilated the case, and won the trial. In 2013 they would work together again on a number of cases, successfully defending former senior partner of Fox Hayes LLP, Robert Manning, charged with corruption by the SFO, and Hong Kong businessman James Sutherland, who was charged with laundering £100m.

Both Mark and Jason believe they have identified a winning formula as an innovative law firm that confers unparalleled benefits on both corporate and individual clients. RS Legal offers a unique range of professional expertise under one roof, including former senior law enforcement officers, criminal and commercial solicitors, Queen's Counsel and a former senior judge available for corporate clients. The experience and seniority of RS Legal's professionals enables clients to develop effective case strategies from the outset, maximising the potential for the best possible outcome.

Mark is a father of five and enjoys walking, tennis and collecting antiques.