

Anthony Metzger QC

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Anthony Metzger QC, Head of Chambers, is a highly regarded silk known for his committed and forensically-detailed approach to his practice. He specialises in crime; immigration; Claimant civil actions against the police, defamation and inquests. Anthony was awarded **Bar Pro Bono QC of the Year 2019** and a case in which he was successful leading counsel: *Banger v UK* (see below) and was highly commended and was a runner up for the Lexis Nexis Case of the Year 2020. He was also highly commended as a runner up for the Pro Bono QC of the Year 2020, and was nominated for the Women in Law 'Male Champion' 2020.

Anthony also sits as a Deputy High Court Judge for England and Wales in the Administrative Court hearing Judicial Review applications; and in the Upper Tier Tribunal of the Immigration and Asylum Tribunal, having previously sat as a First Tier Judge in the IAT since 2002. He was also appointed to the War Pensions and Armed Forces Tribunal as a First Tier Judge.

Anthony is highly recommended as a leading silk again in the 2021 edition of *Chambers and Partners* in the categories of *Crime* (Band 3), *Police Law – mainly Claimant* (Band 2) and *Immigration* (Band 3).

In the 2021 edition of the *Legal 500*, Anthony is ranked in *Immigration* (Band 2 – Leading Silks) “*I have not yet met a QC who would present a case with such determination, dedication and robustness*”; is again ranked in *Crime* (Band 3 – Leading Silks) “*A powerful advocate who has great client care skills. Collaborative, helpful and always open to discussions. Quick and incisive judgement calls. An outstanding jury advocate with unmatched cross-examination skills. He comes across as friendly and committed to both clients and jury members, and easily wins their trust. Clients are very happy to be represented by him as they see that he does not let police officers get away with anything.*”; and *Civil Liberties and Human Rights* (Band 3 – Leading Silks) “*Highly skilled advocate on immigration and inquest matters.*”

Anthony is known for his skill in building a successful rapport with clients and is also distinguished by his ability to achieve substantial settlements for Claimants.

Anthony's growing reputation as leading Counsel in Immigration cases is reflected in the landmark case of **Secretary of State for the Home Department v Banger – C-89/17; [2019] UKUT 00194(IAC)**. The CJEU found, for the first time, that the *Surinder Singh* rationale applies to the unmarried partner of a British national. In this case the Court found

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that Article 21 TFEU applies to extended family members by analogy. The Court found that a refusal of a residence card must follow as a result of an extensive examination of the applicant's personal circumstances and must be justified by reasons. Finally, on the issue of appeal rights, the Court determined that the redress procedure must *enable a full assessment of the facts and involve an extensive examination of the applicant's personal circumstances*. The case before the Upper Tribunal resumed on 20 March 2019 and concluded successfully. It has now been reported as Banger (EEA: EFM – Right of Appeal) [2019] UKUT 00194(IAC).

Civil

Anthony Metzger QC is one of the leading silks in civil actions against the police, with cases appearing in the High Court, County Court and the Court of Appeal. He has also been instructed as leading counsel in two substantial misfeasance claims against police forces.

Anthony's work encompasses claims for Claimants in professional negligence and contractual claims, in particular solicitor's negligence, and libel and inquests.

Anthony was instructed as main leading counsel in what is believed to be the UK's largest civil action against the police: *Wayne Pugh & Others v Commissioner of Police of South Wales*, which arose from the well-publicised and criticised prosecution of the 'The Cardiff Three', following the murder of a prostitute, Lynette White. Anthony represented 8 out of 15 Claimants in proceedings, which lasted three months and involved over one million documents.

Notable Cases

- *McCormick* (Dec 2020) – Anthony is acting in this police misconduct hearing where fraud, sexual complaint, and production of false documents have been alleged.
- *Carr and Shanahan v Chief Constable of the Kent Constabulary* (Maidstone County Court, March 2021) – Anthony is acting for the Claimants in this case involving trespass to private property, false imprisonment, and misfeasance in public office. The case has many aggravating features, including allegations of child neglect for which there was no reasonable basis.
- *Serafin v Malkiewicz & Ors* [2020] UKSC 23 – Anthony continued to act for the original Defendants in this case as one of two leading counsel leading Anton van Dellen, whose appeal in the Supreme Court was heard on 17th and 18th March 2020. This followed a hearing in the Court of Appeal ([2019] EWCA Civ 852), after a rare, fully-contested libel and misuse of private information trial lasting 8 days in the High Court ([2017] EWHC 2992 (QB)), where Anthony successfully defeated the claims for damages and injunctive relief was defeated on the basis of truth, public interest and lack of privacy. The trial involved sustained cross-examination of the Claimant, which was described by the High Court Judge as 'skilful and patient'. The decision was overturned by the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court will hear important submissions, amongst other things, as to the parameters of the public interest defence and the extent to which a trial Judge is permitted to intervene in the trial process and the court of Appeal can legitimately reverse findings of fact.

<https://inform.org/2017/12/05/case-comment-serafin-v-malkiewicz-unbounded-self-confidence-and-la>

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- *R (on the application of Mohammed Hashim) v Police Misconduct Panel and Commissioner of Police, PC Paul Delevitt and IPCC* – This was an application for judicial review in which Anthony acted for the Claimant, who had been arrested by officers of the Metropolitan Police Service and prosecuted to trial for attempted burglary of a bank. Anthony submitted that the decision was an error of law. Although unsuccessful in that claim, Anthony is now instructed in the civil claim arising out of the events.
- *Alexander-Theodotou and ors v Kournis* – Anthony is currently acting as leading counsel leading Anton van Dellen for the Claimant, who seeks damages and an injunction for claims in libel and inducing breach of contract. The parties are rival litigation businesses engaged in group litigation arising from property developments in Cyprus.
- *Pollard v Ministry of Justice* – Anthony represented the Claimant in respect of a personal injury claim where he sustained a serious personal injury which resulted in the loss of an eye whilst working at HMP Ford. The claim was recently settled on good terms for the Claimant.
- *Habib v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (2017) (Oxford CC)* – Mr Ullah died during a forceful arrest made by the police. Anthony Metzger QC originally appeared in the [inquest proceedings](#) into his death concluded on 2 March 2015, in which the jury reached a narrative conclusion of misadventure and were highly critical of the police conduct both in respect of his initial control and restraint and then in respect of his after-care. Anthony Metzger QC ultimately appeared as leading counsel for Mrs Habib on behalf of Mr Ullah's estate in a disputed action against the police for assault and breach of Articles 3 and 8 of the ECHR, which was listed for a three-week trial. He was able to successfully secure a substantial settlement for the family, inclusive of an apology.
- *B (anonymised)* – Anthony represented the Claimant in an unusual claim for damages arising out of an incident whereby the Defendant breached confidentiality. The Claimant had entrusted the Defendant, her community psychiatric nurse, with highly personal and sensitive information about herself. The Defendant received an award for his work and he disclosed details of the Claimant's personal life which were published in a Press Release, causing the exacerbation of her psychiatric condition. The claim was settled with Anthony's assistance, on excellent terms for the Claimant.
- *Makinde v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (2017) (CLCC)* – Anthony represented the Claimant at trial in a fully contested action against the police for assault and battery, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. It was argued that the police officers were not acting within their powers under the Road Traffic Act at the time they sought to seize the Claimant's vehicle and therefore they were not acting in the execution of their duty when they arrested the Claimant for obstructing them in the execution of their duty.
- *Boyle v Chief Constable of Hampshire (2016) (Winchester CC)*: Fully contested claim for damages for assault, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution arising out of a football incident which will proceed as a probable three-week trial in early 2018, pending an interlocutory appeal in the Court of Appeal.
- *Pugh & Others v Chief Constable of South Wales Police (2015)*: Acting as leading counsel with two junior counsels for 8 of 15 Claimants in the UK's largest action against the police, arising from the collapsed prosecution of the 'Cardiff Three'.
- *Christmas Island, War Pensions Appeal (2015)*: Leading counsel in a substantial claim brought against the Ministry of Defence. The veterans were exposed to extremely harmful nuclear testing on Christmas Island during the 1950s; the case involved complex evidence from experts of different fields, including nuclear physics and meteorology.
- *M (anonymised) & Others v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (2015)*: A heavily contested, complex action against the police concerning widespread corruption and police connections with a notorious criminal gang.
- *Mr Lea Leighton v Chief Constable of Derbyshire Constabulary [2015] High Court (QB)*: Civil action relating to social services records in respect of unproven sexual allegations.
- *McDonnell v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (2014) [2015] EWCA Civ 573*: Considered

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excessive force by police as invariably “*grossly disproportionate*”, involving novel Article 3 and 6 ECHR submissions.

- *Walker v Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis* [2014] EWCA Civ 897 UPDATE – Following a successful application for leave to appeal at Central London County Court, Anthony appeared in the Court of Appeal and won the appeal in respect of damages for false imprisonment. The complex legal arguments, which flowed from the first instance Judge’s findings of fact, have resulted in Walker becoming now one of the leading cases in this area of the law.
- *Bailey v Commission of Police for the Metropolis* (2012) Central London County Court: Successful recent trial for assault, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.
- *R v HM Court Service ex parte Hunter* (2012) Upper Tier Tribunal: Successful Judicial Review concerning a CICA Claim rejection which had denied a claim as the Claimant was too slow to bring an allegation of rape.
- *D v Marriot, Virgin Active, Commission of Police* (2012) Central London County Court: A trial for sexual assault and failure to protect the Claimant.
- *Buckley v Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police & Ollivierre & Ors v Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police & Another* (2010 / 2011) Oxford County Court; CLCC; Court of Appeal [2009] EWCA Civ 356: Instructed in two of the leading cases in the Court of Appeal determining what constitutes objective reasonable grounds to arrest.
- *Ryder-Large v King* (2010) [2008] EWHC 3404 (QB): Acted for Claimant in an unprecedented multiple malicious prosecution claims (29 separate allegations).
- *Hunt v AB* [2008] EWHC 2724 [QB]; [2009] EWCA Civ 1092 (CA): Successful leading counsel in the High Court for a Defendant in a malicious prosecution claim brought against a woman who claimed to be a rape victim, who was subject to an unprecedented claim by her alleged rapist. The Judgment was upheld in the Court of Appeal. The case had huge potential ramifications for rape victims in the future and received national publicity in the press and media.
- *Morton Insurance v Sidhu* (2008) Courts of Justice [2008] EWHC 417: Civil claim involving an allegation of insurance fraud by an ex-employee.

Crime

Anthony Metzger QC is a highly distinguished and established silk in criminal defence work with considerable appellate and Privy Council experience. He has a substantial criminal practice, principally in murder and manslaughter, serious offences of a sexual nature and drug offences. He also specialises in fraud and money laundering allegations and has extensive experience in health and safety prosecutions.

Prior to obtaining silk, Anthony had been listed as a leading junior in every edition of the Legal 500 since 2007 and is presently listed under the headings of general crime and criminal fraud.

His criminal practice includes high-profile cases such as the ‘Nigella Lawson Case’, where he successfully represented the first of two sisters charged with defrauding their employers, Ms Lawson and Charles Saatchi.

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Notable Cases

- *T (anonymised) v X (anonymised)* – Anthony led Adam Gersch of Goldsmith Chambers in an unprecedented and landmark private prosecution of a man for an offence of Controlling and Coercive Behaviour, based on his refusal to give a religious Jewish divorce (“Get”) to his ex-wife. The man finally provided the religious divorce certificate and the prosecution was discontinued as it was no longer in the public interest despite the evidential strength of the case. The case was widely reported and has wide implications for the orthodox Jewish, and other religious communities.
- *R v Kleski* (2019; 2021) – This case arose out of police allegations of large-scale importation and distribution of non-UK duty paid cigarettes and tobacco products by a West Midlands-based Organised Crime Group, and the associated money laundering of the proceeds of this alleged criminality. Between July 2013 and January 2016, no fewer than 25 suspects were arrested, including the Defendant who was charged with conspiracy to evade excise duty and allegedly using his furniture-importing business in the UK as a front. The trial lasted around 10 weeks after which the jury was discharged and there will be a full re-trial between April and June 2021.
- *R v Smith* (Nov 2020, Brighton Crown Court) – this is a murder case in which Anthony is leading Nicholas Wayne of Goldsmith Chambers.
- *R v The Hilton* (Jan-Feb 2021, Kingston Crown Court) – a serious drugs importation case in which Anthony is leading Christabel McCooey.
- *R v Wardley* (June 2021, Salford Crown court) – an indecent assault and possession of child pornography case.
- *R v Chambers* (Jul -Aug 2021, Chelmsford Crown Court) – a violent disorder case.
- *R v Rekaya* (2019) - The Defendant was charged with fraud totalling nearly £90,000 by falsely representing that he was a victim of the Grenfell Tower tragedy. He was also prosecuted on a further charge of obtaining leave to remain in the UK by deception. The case was listed for trial, but upon advice from Anthony on the strength of the evidence, the Defendant changed his pleas. Additional mitigation resulted in a substantially reduced sentence, which is especially significant given the public distaste for cases of this kind.

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/grenfell-tower-fraudster-jailed-after-claiming-90k-by-posing-as-victim-a4005006.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-46401808>

- *R v Aloudha* (2019) – The Defendant was prosecuted for a serious sexual assault and trespass with intent to commit a sexual offence in the London hotel room of the complainant, whom the Defendant had met whilst staying at the same hotel.
- *R v Simpson-Scott* (2019) – The Defendant was prosecuted for the alleged murder of his partner of 15 year and for the alleged attempted murder of his friend and neighbour. The Defendant pleaded guilty to unlawful killing but denied murder and attempted murder. Anthony led for the defence. The Defendant was convicted of the former offence, but acquitted of the latter.
- *R v Lockridge* (2019) – Instructed as leading Counsel to represent Defendant charged with the murder of her partner. Trial listed for February 2019.
- *R v T (Anonymised)* (2018) – Successfully prosecuted the Defendants for offences against their two daughters, aged under 9 at the time of the offences. Defendant one was convicted of counts of sexual assault on a child and cruelty. Defendant two was convicted of Perverting the Course of Justice. A re-trial of further counts of sexual assault is likely to be heard in February 2019.
- *R v Basha* (2018) – Leading Counsel defending one of five co-accused on a murder where the victim was

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killed in a frenzied stabbing for revenge. His Client was acquitted and obtained a relatively light sentence for manslaughter in contrast to three co-Defendants who were convicted and received tariff sentences of nearly 30 years.

- *R v Rekaya (2018)* – Defendant charged with fraud totalling nearly £90,000 by falsely representing that he was a victim of the Grenfell Tower tragedy. He was also prosecuted on a further charge of obtaining leave to remain in the UK by deception. Mitigation put forth by Anthony resulted in a substantially reduced sentence, which is especially significant given the public distaste for cases of this kind.
- *R v Provan (2018)* – Successfully prosecuted the Defendant, a Met Police Officer at the time of the offences, on two counts of rape upon a 16-year old girl. Defendant was convicted and sentenced to a substantial term of imprisonment.
- *R v P (Anonymised) (2017)* (Snaresbrook Crown Court)– Anthony, instructed by the RASSO unit, has prosecuted a police officer accused of historic indecent assault. He will be prosecuting the Defendant in July separately on two counts of rape.
- *R v Procter (2017)* Liverpool Crown Court–Anthony was leading counsel defending in a murder trial involving the shocking and particularly violent death of a young woman when the Defendant was under the influence of cocaine. Upon advice, the Defendant changed his plea at trial and he received a substantially reduced tariff sentence.
- *R v Ledesma (2016)* Southward Crown Court – Anthony was leading counsel representing a nurse who faced two trials for gross negligence manslaughter for a fatal blood transfusion error. The case raised complex issues as to whether the events amounted to gross negligence, and relating to causation. Ultimately, he was able to successfully ensure that his client did not receive a custodial sentence despite the general guidelines for offences of this type.
- *R v Beadman (2016)* Nottingham Crown Court: Leading counsel in defending the murder, rape and false imprisonment of a school girl. Highly publicised case.
- *R v Dalli (2016)* Manchester Crown Court: 17-year old boy successfully defended on allegation of conspiracy to murder.
- *R v Khan (2016)* Manchester Crown Court: Leading counsel defending a husband accused of the murder of his wife.
- *R v Jason Podesta (2016)* Chichester Crown Court: Allegation of historic rape.
- *R v Ledesma (2016)* Southwark Crown Court: Leading counsel defending a nurse accused of unlawful killing after she transferred the wrong type of blood to the deceased. Re-trial in November 2016.
- *R v Hoyle (2015)* Chester Crown Court: Leading counsel defending in a brutal murder trial, known as the ‘Facebook Reunion Murder’, featuring in the BBC documentary, ‘The Prosecutors’.
- *R v Jordan Daley (2015)* Central Criminal Court: Leading counsel in murder trial.
- *R v Purkins & Others (2014)* Central Criminal Court: Leading counsel defending in a case involving the death a private gym user after consuming ‘DNP’, a toxic pesticide.
- *R v Grillo & Grillo (2013)* Isleworth Crown Court: Successfully defending one of two sisters charged with defrauding Charles Saatchi and Nigella Lawson.
- *R v Zinkevicius (2013)* Central Criminal Court: Leading counsel in murder trial.
- *R v Konigshofer (2012)* Wood Green Crown Court: Conspiracy to rape in the Haredi community.
- *R v McGrath (2009)* Manchester Crown Court: Vast money-laundering allegation. The client was a former Deputy Chairman of Preston Borough Council.
- *R v Etchu-Abangma (2009)* Wood Green Crown Court: Health and safety prosecution concerning death of vulnerable young person in care home.
- *R v Gomulu (2008 / 2009)* Central Criminal Court and Court of Appeal: Murder.

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Immigration

Anthony Metzger QC practises primarily at appellate level. Anthony has recently been appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge for England and Wales, and will also sit in the Administrative Court hearing Judicial Review applications and in the Upper Tier Tribunal of the Immigration and Asylum Tribunal. Since 2002, he has also been sitting part-time as an Immigration Judge at the First Tier Tribunal level, which gives him unparalleled expertise.

Notable Cases

- *MB v Secretary of State for the Home Department (2020)*: Anthony continues to act for the Appellant in their appeal against the refusal of a permanent residence card. Permission to appeal from the decision of the First-tier Tribunal was granted in October 2020 on the basis that the decision disclosed errors of law, and the appeal is to be heard in the Upper Tribunal.
- *KP and anor v Secretary of State of the Home Department (2020)*: Anthony is acting for the Appellants, a Russian national formerly working in the finance sector and their dependent minor child, in their claim for asylum in the UK. As at November 2020, the appeal is due to proceed to an oral hearing in the First-tier Tribunal.
- *Banger (EEA: EFM – Right of Appeal)* – Anthony was instructed, leading Sanaz Saifolahi of Goldsmith Chambers, in this landmark case. Following a successful preliminary ruling from the CJEU, the law was directly amended in March 2019 to account for the findings made, to now include unmarried partners and reintroducing appeal rights for extended family members. The Upper Tribunal characterised the case as of public importance. The case was highly commended and was runner up for the LexisNexis Case of the Year 2020.
- Anthony was also interviewed by Lexis Nexis on the *Banger* CJEU judgment.
- *PK V SSHD [2019] EWCA Civ 1756* – Anthony represented the Appellant leading Julian Norman of Drystone Chambers in the Court of Appeal against the decision of the Upper Tribunal that his client was not entitled to asylum. The principal issue was whether the Upper Tribunal properly analysed (a) the background evidence concerning military service in Ukraine and (b) the consequences which the Appellant would face as a draft evader upon return to Ukraine. The appeal was allowed and the case was remitted to the Upper Tribunal, where it was heard in March 2020. The decision is awaited.
- *Commonwealth Veterans v Ministry of Defence & SSHD* – Anthony is leading Sarah Pinder of Goldsmith Chambers in this novel group judicial review claim brought by Commonwealth veterans in respect of (i) breaches of guidance and general failings relating to post-discharge immigration status and procedures; and (ii) the fees involved in post-discharge applications for Indefinite Leave to Remain. The JR claim has been lodged and permission is sought in December 2020.
- *P v SSHD* – Anthony led Sanaz Saifolahi of Goldsmith Chambers, in this significant judicial review arguing that the EEA Regulations are unlawful in restricting the family members category to the EEA national, but not their spouse. A second challenge was raised concerning the removal of appeal rights for extended family members following *Banger*. The SSHD conceded the application and directly laid amendments to the law incorporating changes due to this challenge under Regulation 8 of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016 by: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/1155/made>
- *Prutsa v Entry Clearance Officer* – In this case, Anthony successfully represented the elderly and functionally blind Ukrainian Appellant, whose application to join her British daughter had been refused on the basis, inter alia, that adequate care could be provided where the Appellant was living alone in rural Ukraine. The appeal was allowed on the basis that the refusal was a disproportionate breach of the Appellant's rights under Article 8 of the ECHR.
- *Zharskiy v SSHD* – Anthony led Sanaz Saifolahi of Goldsmith Chambers, in this appeal against the decision

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- refusing the Appellant, a Russian national, a permanent residence card as a former family member of an EEA national exercising treaty rights and who had retained a right of residence in the UK.
- *LS v SSHD – LS (Article 45 TFEU – derivative rights) [2018] UKUT 00426 (IAC)* – LS was the primary carer of a British Citizen child. Anthony was leading counsel, leading Sanaz Saifolahi who successfully argued that Article 45 of the TFEU applied.
 - *Martin v HM Passport Office* – Anthony led Sarah Pinder of Goldsmith Chambers in this case which arose out of a delay in issuing a new passport following a legal change in name. It became necessary to bring two judicial review proceedings. The case was settled on excellent terms with and a rare apology for the Claimant. The case has wider public significance as the Defendant will amend its guidance on Use and Change of Names to ensure the situation would not occur again to others, despite its professed aims of deterrence and detection of crime for citizen protection.
 - *KE (Nigeria) v SSHD* [2017] EWCA Civ 1382 – Anthony, leading Alexis Slatter, also of Goldsmith Chambers, appeared in an appeal from the Secretary of State for the Home Department against a decision of the Upper Tribunal ('UT') to revoke a deportation order made against the Respondent. Anthony successfully resisted the SSHD's submissions that, *inter alia*, the UT erred in holding that a person who is sentenced to a hospital order combined with a restriction order for an indefinite period does not fall within the provisions of section 117D (4) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act ('NIAA') 2002 which defines "a period of imprisonment".
 - *RK (Burundi) v SSHD (2014)* (Court of Appeal) – Anthony acted as leading counsel on behalf of the Appellant in an appeal against a refusal of a declaration of unlawful detention. RK had continued to be detained following a refusal for his return by the only country ascertained for the purpose of carrying out a deportation order, and for a period of time which was no longer justified under the Hardial Singh Principles (*R v Governor of Durham Prison, ex parte Hardial Singh* [1984] 1 WLR 70

Inquests and Inquiries

Anthony Metzger QC was instructed on three major inquests in 2015. One of these inquests became the subject of a BBC Panorama programme, exploring issues including the death of an Asian man where excessive police force was used upon arrest. The other inquests were regarding the tragic death of a 13-year old girl following a high-speed police chase and a suspicious death in Germany possibly involving anti-Semitism which attracted international media attention.

Notable Cases

- *Douglas* (2018 – ongoing) – Anthony is instructed on behalf of the family of the deceased in an on-going inquest into the death of a prisoner some days after arriving at HMP Long Lartin following transfer from HMP Bristol. The issues surrounding his death are highly complex, encompassing, *inter alia*: alleged failings in handover between prisons; inadequate medical treatment; and poor decision-making and governance within HMP Long Lartin. The fourth PIR took place in February 2020, and the full inquest with a jury was due to begin in November 2020, but has been vacated to be relisted for three weeks in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- *McGowan* (2018) – Acted for the family of the deceased in an inquest into the death of a patient of Southmead hospital. Argued that the hospital failed to act with due care and diligence and misadministered medical treatment which they ought to have known could be fatal to the deceased, and that this caused the death.

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- *Shestopal* (2017) (WLCC) – Anthony, acting pro bono, represented the widow of Mr Shestopal, a retired solicitor and was able following questioning to make successful submissions to the Coroner who concluded in a narrative finding that Mr Shestopal’s nurse’s improper removal of a vascath (a flexible plastic tube inserted into a vein) led directly to his heart attack and his subsequent death.
- *Abiona* (2017) (Maidstone CC) – Acting for the family in an inquest, Anthony was able to demonstrate to the Assistant Coroner serious issues about the training and care provided in an emergency tracheotomy replacement. The Assistant Coroner concluded in a narrative finding that the death was accidental but contributed to by neglect, having made, inter alia, a finding of gross failure on the part of the carer in her actions after the deceased had his tracheotomy dislodged.
- *Ullah* (2015): Acting for the family in a highly charged inquest into the death of a man during a routine stop-and-search, which later featured on Panorama.
- *Was* (2015): Acting for the family of a 13-year-old killed in a collision arising from a high-speed police pursuit.
- *Duggan* (2015): This high-profile inquest explored the suspicious death of Mr Duggan after attending a conference by the anti-Semitic La Rouche movement.

Animal Rights

Anthony Metzger QC has represented animal rights protesters in a number of leading civil actions against the police in assault, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution claims. He has also defended others in criminal trials in the Crown Court and is particularly interested in private prosecution work, for which he has expertise, acting for organisations who campaign and act for those concerned with the protection of animals, including potential fraud cases. He has also libel-read for a campaigning group focused on alerting the public to issues of animal cruelty. Anthony is currently leading the team in advising in relation to a couple of impending animal rights private prosecutions and/or judicial review claims.

Appointments

- Fee-paid Immigration Judge (2002)
- War Pensions & Armed Forces Compensation Chamber of the First Tier Tribunal (2018)
- Deputy High Court Judge for England and Wales (2018)

Memberships

- Civil Actions Against The Police Lawyers
- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Member of the Council of the Institute of Law and Ethics at Tomsk State University

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Awards

- Chambers & Partners – Band 2 All Circuits, Police Law: Mainly Claimant (2021)
- Chambers & Partners – Band 3 London (Bar), Crime (2021)
- Chambers & Partners – Band 3 London (Bar), Immigration (2021)
- Legal 500 – Band 2 ‘Leading Silk’, Immigration (2021)
- Legal 500 – Band 3 ‘Leading Silk’, Crime (2021)
- Legal 500 – Band 3 ‘Leading Silk’, Civil Liberties and Human Rights (2021)

Mr Metzger QC has been credited as a legal consultant on various TV series, including the BAFTA-winning Criminal Justice 1, Criminal Justice 2 and books including:

- Almost True (Francis Lincoln, 2010)
- When I Was Joe (Francis Lincoln, 2009)
- Major Farran’s Hat (Heinemann, 2009)
- Eichmann: His Life & Crimes (Heinemann, 2004)

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