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Gregory Gordon is a **Crime** and **Regulatory & Discipline** barrister, specialising in serious and complex crime, **Environment & Planning** law, hunting and **Animal Welfare**.

Gregory holds a Law with American law degree from the University of Nottingham, having gained scholarships to study Criminal Law at the University of Texas at Austin.

After completing the BVC at Nottingham Law School, with a scholarship from Lincoln's Inn, he qualified as a Police Station Representative and worked at a leading firm before joining Guildhall Chambers.

Expertise

Crime

Gregory is instructed to both prosecute and defend a wide range of the most serious and complex cases, including murder and attempted murder, arson intending to endanger life, causing death by dangerous driving, firearms offences, armed robberies and aggravated burglaries, sexual assaults on vulnerable children, high value fraud, drug trafficking and money laundering.

He is often involved in cases outside of the mainstream, including cases which question an individual's freedom of expression and right to protest.

Gregory is highly regarded for his sensitive handling of vulnerable witnesses and defendants. He has particular experience in prosecutions of those charged with the abuse of extremely vulnerable individuals, including infants in nurseries and adults with severe developmental disabilities in residential care homes.

He joined the Crime Team as a Tenant following a successful pupillage with chambers under the supervision of His Honour Judge Rupert Lowe.

Featured Crime cases

R v A, M & S

Prosecution of attempted murder, by shooting the victim in the back using a Beretta handgun, and of a hammer attack to the head, resulting in convictions after trial.

R v B-S

Prosecution of the arson of the Grade II listed, and nationally historically important, Underfall Yard, resulting in a life sentence.

R v C

Defence of an individual accused of participating in the 'Kill the Bill' riots, resulting in acquittal after trial.

R v J

Prosecution of an attempted murder in a domestic setting, by stab wounds to the face, head, chest and spine; the defendant left the victim to bleed out; resulting in conviction.

R v T&T

Prosecution of £560,000 fraud by employee from family business, resulting in conviction.

R v D

Defence of a male accused of sexually assaulting his 6yo daughter.

R v P

Prosecution of a serial armed robber who destroyed forensic evidence, resulting in conviction.

R v S

Defence of an alleged sexual assault at an Army Cadets camp, involving vulnerable parties, resulting in acquittal.

Animal Welfare & Hunting

Gregory is a recognised specialist in Animal Welfare, hunting and raptor persecution legislation. He has expertise in the complex legislative framework surrounding the enforcement of Animal Welfare offences, including compliance with complex technical regulations, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA), and the viability of private prosecutions.

He is instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service, local authorities and private groups to advise on criminal prosecutions and civil actions.

Gregory has produced guidance for use by the National Wildlife Crime Unit and Crown Prosecution Service in the investigation of Hunting Act offences.

He advises and represents clients at all levels and from all walks of life, from local farmers and businesses, to national charitable organisations and major global corporations.

Gregory has successfully defended a livestock holder and employee of the Wildlife Trusts, who was alleged to have fired his shotgun over the heads of riders of a passing hunt.

Gregory also specialises in animal cruelty offences under the Animal Welfare Act 2006, including allegations of causing unnecessary suffering, unlawful breeding, and failing to ensure welfare needs are met. He is instructed in civil proceedings for the removal and taking into possession of animals seized under the Act.

Gregory advises, prosecutes and defends and is instructed in the High Court on cases relating to all major animal welfare legislation, including:

- Animal Welfare Act 2006
- Dangerous Dogs Act 1991
- Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976
- Hunting Act 2004
- Protection of Badgers Act 1992
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
- Zoo Licensing Act 1981

Featured Animal Welfare & Hunting cases

R v R, V & W

Prosecution and conviction of individuals for disturbing a bat roost, whilst developing the basement of a luxury wedding venue into a spa.

R v B & F

Prosecution and conviction of two men employed as terriermen by a Devon based fox hunt, of interference of a badger set by digging into it with the intention of flushing out a fox which had fled from the hunt.

RSPCA v N

Defence of woman on appeal accused of neglecting 93 pet dogs in her home; relying on a novel Modern Slavery Act defence.

RSPCA v R

Prosecution and conviction of a man who dragged his dog behind his moving vehicle, before hiding the injured dog from police in a barn; the dog was euthanised due to the extent of its injuries.

RSPCA v D

Prosecution and conviction of a woman who neglected ponies over a sustained period of time, resulting in life-threatening malnourishment and emaciation.

RSPCA v S-F

Prosecution and conviction of a man for inflicting serious and repeated blunt force trauma injuries to an American XL Bully; resulting in imprisonment.

R v Mark Hankinson

The prosecution and appeal against conviction of the Director of the Masters of Foxhounds Association (MFHA), accused of encouraging Huntsmen and Hunt Masters to hunt illegally, by using trail hunting as a 'smokescreen' for illegal hunting, during video conferences.

R v F

Prosecution and conviction of the Huntsman of the Quorn Hunt, based on novel evidence obtained from the defendant's mobile phone, including two years' of incriminating WhatsApp messaging between the defendant and other Huntsmen and Hunt Masters.

Environment & Planning

Gregory is a Regulatory List C Panel Advocate of specialist regulatory advocates. He is instructed in all major regulatory offences – including health and safety, food standards and environmental regulations – whether brought by HSE, DEFRA, Local Authorities or private utility companies.

Featured Environment & Planning cases

R v B

Represented a pub landlord charged under food standards regulation after a customer died following food poisoning.

R v H

Represented a bakery company for offences under food standards regulation.

R v PKM

Section 2, Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. Injury at work due to lack of sufficient guarding of machinery. Representing the defendant company.

R v C

Represented a major utilities company. Pre-enforcement advice and representation at court.

R v D

Breach of EU Drivers' Hours Regulations. Represented the individual HGV driver.

Appointments

- CPS Grade 4 Panel Advocate
- C List Panel Advocate: Environment, Health & Safety

Education

- BVC, Nottingham Law School
- LLB Hons, University of Nottingham with the University of Texas at Austin

Memberships

- UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)
- Western Circuit

Publications

[The law on hunting is not fit for purpose – it’s time for a radical rewrite](#) – UKELA Magazine

[The Hunting Act 2004... a different perspective with Gregory Gordon](#) – Leaguecast – A podcast from the League Against Cruel Sports, filled with discussions about animal welfare, hunting, diversity and all things in-between.