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Aidan Ellis has built a successful international practice, representing states, defendants and victims before international courts and tribunals and advising on human rights issues.

He is ranked in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 for international criminal law and extradition. He is currently representing Jakup Krasniqi before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers.

Aidan also has a strong civil practice, with twenty years of experience in personal injury and credit hire litigation. He handles fast and multi-track cases for claimants and defendants. He is the author of the textbook on credit hire.

Expertise

International Law

Aidan has represented States, Defendants and Victims at the International Criminal Court, the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the UN Special Procedures. He is ranked in both Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 in international criminal law. He co-authored chapters of a Commentary on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ed. Ambos) and the chapter on Article 8 in Human Rights Practice with Karim Khan KC and was the editorial assistant on the latest edition of Archbold International Criminal Courts.

Notable International Law cases

Prosecutor v Thaçi et al

Representing Jakup Krasniqi, the former acting President of Kosovo and spokesperson of the Kosovo Liberation Army, in the highest profile case before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. Mr Krasniqi is charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity. The modes of responsibility charged are joint criminal enterprise and command responsibility.



Situation in Afghanistan

Represented the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, led by Rodney Dixon QC during the Prosecutor's Preliminary Examination and Investigation of the Situation in Afghanistan. Represented the Government in appeal proceedings at the International Criminal Court and, subsequently, in its request that the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court defer its investigation to the national authorities. This was the first deferral request submitted by a State Party to the ICC pursuant to Article 18 of the Statute.

Prosecutor v Gadafi

Represented Dr. Saif Al-Islam Gadafi in admissibility proceedings at the International Criminal Court. Argued Dr Gadafi's appeal before the Appeals Chamber in November 2019.

UN Sanctions Proceedings

Representing high profile individuals in confidential applications to the UN and other sanctions committees seeking de-listing.

Prosecutor v Bruno Stojić

Legal consultant to Bruno Stojić in the final appeals case before the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Mr. Stojić was charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Kipsigis and Talai Peoples of Kericho County, Kenya

Led by Rodney Dixon QC, advising the Kipsigis and Talai peoples of Kericho and Bomet Counties in seeking reparation for historic human rights abuses. Appeared in proceedings before the Kenyan National Land Commission. Submitted a communication to the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence.

Mishana Hosseinioun v Libya

Part of a legal team which submitted a ground-breaking communication to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights on behalf of Mishana Hosseinioun (related to the arbitrary detention of Dr Saif Al-Islam Gadafi). The communication became one of the first cases which the African Commission submitted to the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Prosecutor v Banda and Jerbo

Represented Sudanese rebel leaders in proceedings before the International Criminal Court in relation to



the Darfur Situation, led by Karim Khan QC.

Personal Injury

Aidan represents both Claimants and Defendants in personal injury claims. He is an accomplished trial advocate and is regularly instructed in the County Courts. Aidan is experienced in handling all stages of proceedings including case management hearings, trials and settlement meetings. He has advised upon, drafted and conducted appeals. He enjoys working with Solicitors from the outset of claims in order to achieve the best outcomes for his clients.

In recent years, Aidan has particular experience in handling cases involving allegations of fraud or fundamental dishonesty and he is astute to the complex procedural and ethical issues which may arise.

He is willing to consider instructions on a CFA basis.

Credit Hire

Aidan has acted for Claimants and Defendants in credit hire litigation for more than twenty years. He has amassed experience of all aspects of credit hire claims, including advisory work, interim applications, trials (including high value cases), appeals and costs.

Aidan's expertise is reflected in his book, *Ellis on Credit Hire*, which remains the only textbook addressing this specialised topic. The updated 7th edition was published in November 2024. He has also written articles about credit hire and presented webinars, seminars and mock trials.

Aidan is regularly instructed to advise on complex credit hire issues, and can provide robust and practical advice with a rapid turnaround.

Appointments

- Executive Council of International Criminal Court Bar Association
- Membership Committee of Association of Defence Counsel practising before the International Courts and Tribunals

Awards

- Sachs Prize, Middle Temple (2005)
- Gareth Jones Prize, Cambridge University (2004)



Education

- MA Hons (First Class), Cambridge University, Downing College
- LLM (First Class), Cambridge University, Downing College

Languages

- French

Memberships

- HRLA
- ALBA
- PIBA
- Lists of Counsel practising before the ICC, KSC and IRMICT

Recommendations

- “Very experienced and a go-to junior” and “boasts an impressive résumé having handled cases dealing with Libya, Afghanistan, Kenya and Kosovo.” **Chambers & Partners**
- “Very experienced in cases involving human rights elements.” **Legal 500**
- “He is outstanding and has a very cool head. He is an incisive cross-examiner and a very adaptable advocate, who will no doubt become a leader in the field.” **Chambers and Partners, International Criminal Law**