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Myles Grandison specialises in public law, with a particular focus on extradition; representing individuals sought by countries across the globe.

Myles also advises clients on issues such as prisoner transfer, freezing of assets and mutual legal assistance. Since being appointed to the Attorney General's Panel, Myles' practice has developed to incorporate: Prison law, Immigration law and Inquests. Myles is frequently called upon to advise in cases where there exists an extradition element to a public law matter.

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Expertise

Extradition & Interpol

Myles has appeared in a number of key cases in the High Court under the Extradition Act 2003, dealing with issues such as convictions for contumacy; trials in absentia, disproportionate sentences; the applicability of the "slip rule"; and the demarcation between warrants issued where the Requested Person is accused and those where they are merely wanted for investigation. In addition to statutory appeals, Myles has appeared in judicial reviews and applications for habeas corpus within the extradition context.

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Notable Extradition & Interpol cases

Russian Federation v VL (unreported) November 2021

Myles Grandison, led by Hugo Keith QC, secured VL's discharge from extradition proceedings initiated by the Russian Federation. The RP raised a number of challenges to his extradition to Russia. The Chief



Magistrate found that extradition would breach the RP's rights under Articles 3 and 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Furthermore, the Senior District Judge found that extradition should be barred by reason of extraneous considerations. In so finding, he adopted the "wide" definition of "political opinions", as opposed to the narrower approach that had been applied over much of the past decade at Westminster Magistrates' Court. This change in approach brings the extradition jurisprudence in conformity with the stance taken by the courts in asylum cases. Myles was instructed by Edward Grange, Anna Rothwell and Peter Bowles at Messrs Corker Binning.

Domi v Public Prosecutor's Office, Court of Udine, Italy [2021] EWHC 923 (Admin)

A Divisional Court confirmed that a requested person who had been deported from Italy could still be treated as having been "present" at his trial in Italy (for the purposes of s.20(1)) by reason of the fact that he had been legally represented. Myles was led by Tom Hickman QC and instructed by Messrs Lansbury Worthington.

Kotsev v Sofia District Public Prosecutor's Office, Bulgaria [2019] 1 WLR 2353

The case dealt with whether the District Judge was entitled to find that the Appellant had deliberately absented himself from his trial and whether he was entitled to a re-trial upon his return. The High Court held that the District Judge had erred in seeking to interpret foreign law without the assistance of expert evidence. Furthermore, the bare fact that a requesting state was a signatory to the European Convention on Human Rights was not of itself sufficient to show that section 20(5) and (8) of the 2003 Act would be satisfied. Myles was instructed by Messrs Sonn Macmillan Walker.

Lis & Others v Regional Court in Warsaw, Poland & Others [2018] EWHC 2848 (Admin)

The seminal domestic authority on the rule of law changes in Poland and how they impact upon our extradition arrangements with that country. Led by Mark Summers QC and instructed by JD Spicer. The matter was heard by a Divisional Court comprising the Lord Chief Justice.

Public Law

Since having been appointed to the Attorney General's Panel, Myles has developed a strong public law practice covering a broad range of areas. Myles has particular expertise in Prison law and Immigration law.

In relation to the former, Myles has appeared on behalf of the Secretary of State for Justice in: applications for habeas corpus, matters where the SSJ has departed from the Parole Board's recommendation, and challenges to disciplinary findings made by Independent Adjudicators.

Regarding the latter, he has appeared in a variety of cases covering a range of issues before both the High Court and the Upper Tribunal, including: "sham" marriages, TOEIC fraud, "332(5)" and unlawful detention. Furthermore, he has accrued significant experience in relation to civil penalties imposed on employers and haulage companies.



Notable Public Law cases

R (on the application of Stephens) v The Secretary of State for Justice [2021] EWHC 3257 (Admin)

Myles successfully defended the Secretary of State for Justice's decision not to follow a recommendation made by the Parole Board. The Court was persuaded that the Parole Board had failed to apply the correct criteria when assessing the claimant's risk of absconding.

R (on the application of John) v The Secretary of State for Justice [2021] 4 W.L.R. 98

Represented the Secretary of State for Justice in the High Court, defending his decision to depart from a recommendation made by the Parole Board that the Claimant be transferred to open conditions. The case analysed the differences between findings of fact which, absent good reason, the SSJ was not supposed to depart from, and assessments of risk. The Court was persuaded that the SSJ had legitimately reached a different conclusion to the Parole Board when assessing risk.

Shields-McKinley v The Secretary of State for Justice [2020] Q.B. 521

Appeared on behalf of the Secretary of State for Justice in the Court of Appeal. The Appellant appealed against the decision of Mr Justice Holroyde (as he then was) in finding that the prison was not under a duty to credit days spent in custody whilst awaiting extradition, absent a direction from the Court. The Court of Appeal dismissed the challenge, whilst providing useful guidance on the availability of the Royal Prerogative of Mercy in such circumstances.

R (on the application of Morris) v The Parole Board [2020] EWHC 711 (Admin)

Appeared on behalf of the Secretary of State for Justice before a Divisional Court (Irwin LJ and McGowan J). The Claimant sought to challenge the Parole Board's guidance on dealing with un-proven allegations when assessing risk to the public. The Court dismissed the Claimant's challenge that the SSJ was under a duty to obtain a witness summons to secure statements pertaining to the allegations from the Police.

Inquests

Myles specialises in Coronial law, with a particular interest in deaths in custody. Myles is frequently instructed by the Prison Service in multi-week jury inquests into deaths resulting from drug overdoses, as well as suicides. Through this experience, Myles has developed an in depth knowledge of the ACCT process and record systems such as NOMIS and SystemOne. Myles has also represented the Probation Service on a number of occasions following the death of someone in Approved Premises or under their supervision in the community. Myles is presently instructed Counsel for the Ministry of Justice at the Covid Inquiry.

Notable Inquests cases

Inquest into the death of LH – Exeter Coroner’s Court - 2023

A 3 week inquest before a jury into the death of LH who had committed suicide having just been convicted of attempted murder. The inquest focussed on the decisions to allow LH to be in possession of his medication given a history of overdoses, in addition to whether LH should have been on an ACCT at the time of his death.

Inquest into the death of HA – Stockport Coroner’s Court – 2023

Represented the Probation Service at an inquest into the death of HA who had been found in a canal in Manchester. HA had recently been under the supervision of Probation. An open conclusion was recorded. On the basis of the evidence, the Coroner could not ascertain the cause of death, when HA had died, or in what circumstances.

Inquest into the death of SG – Oxford Coroner’s Court - 2023

An inquest before a jury into the death of SG who had taken his own life whilst held at HMP Bullingdon. The Senior Coroner was persuaded that it would be inappropriate to allow the jury to comment on whether the absence of an ACCT had had a material impact.

Inquest into the death of DM – Southwark Coroner’s Court - 2022

A week-long inquest before a jury, conducted over CVP, into the death of DM. The jury could not be satisfied that DM had intended to take his own life. The Coroner was minded not to issue a PFD at the conclusion of the inquest.

Inquest into the death of EN – Surrey Coroner’s Court – 2021

A lengthy inquest before a jury regarding the death of EN from a drugs overdose at HMP Coldingley. The Coroner was persuaded not to issue a PFD at the conclusion of the inquest

Appointments

- Attorney General’s B Panel (2020-)
- Attorney General’s C Panel (2016-2020)
- Advocacy Tutor, Lincoln’s Inn
- Pupil Master

Awards

- Band 2 – Extradition Law – Chambers & Partners 2022
- Band 2 – International Crime and Extradition – Legal 500 2022

Education

- BSc (Hons) Economics & Sociology, University of Surrey

Memberships

- Defence Extradition Lawyers' Forum (committee member)
- South Eastern Circuit

Recommendations

- 'Myles is a thoughtful, cerebral and impressive lawyer.' **Chambers and Partners 2025**
- "Myles has a nice way of presenting his cases, is thorough, and knows extradition and case law inside out." **Chambers and Partners 2025**
- "Myles is excellent: very detail-oriented and a really good, objective sounding board who gives realistic advice to the client." **Chambers and Partners 2025**
- "He is an excellent technical lawyer and a very well-respected advocate." **Chambers and Partners 2025**
- "He knows the technical ins and outs of extradition law." **Chambers & Partners 2022**
- "Always mining the law to develop new arguments. A genuine lateral thinker to whom some of the significant leaps in extradition law owe their genesis." **Legal 500 2022**
- "He has an acute eye for detail and a wonderful court demeanour." **Legal 500 2021**
- "Myles is extremely hard-working and his preparation is absolutely meticulous." **Chambers & Partners 2020**
- "A very sound and cerebral extradition lawyer who can think of points that others don't." **Chambers & Partners 2020**
- "Increasingly instructed as a leading junior at the junction of extradition and immigration." **Legal 500 2019**
- "A refined legal thinker, who leaves no stone unturned for his clients." **Legal 500 2018**