

QC or more than one advocate



Comes in to force 1st April 2013

Three potential criteria:

A - Exceptional

Case is exceptional compared with the generality of cases involving similar offences

B - Counsel

Prosecution have instructed QC or Senior Treasury Counsel

C-Prosecution

Prosecution have either:

- a) instructed two or more advocates, or
- b) more than 80 witnesses, or
- c) over 1000 pages of evidence

Decision Table:

Advocate	Criteria must be fulfilled	And
Three advocates	Exceptional; or Prosecution	Prosecution brought by SFO and court determines 3 advocates required
QC and junior	Exceptional; or Counsel and Prosecution	Substantial novel or complex issues of law or fact which cannot be adequately presented except by QC and junior
Two juniors	Exceptional, or Prosecution	Substantial novel or complex issues of law or fact which cannot be adequately presented by a single advocate including a QC alone
QC alone	Exceptional, or Counsel	Substantial novel or complex issues of law or fact which cannot be adequately presented except by QC