



PROFILE:

Year of Call: 1990

Jon is an established defence advocate specialising in serious crime for 30 years. He has considerable experience in a wide variety of high profile criminal cases often followed with interest by the media.

Expert in:

- Fraud, Business crime, Appellate
- Defence crime: Homicide: Sexual offences: Terrorism.

EXPERIENCE

Jon is exclusively instructed to defend on matters involving murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, terrorism, serious violence, serious sexual offences, high value fraud, asset forfeiture, confiscation and business and regulatory crime. He has acted as leading counsel on a large number of serious cases, including murder.

Jon is also asked to give pre-charge advice to companies and individuals and is asked to advise companies on regulatory matters.

Jon's professionalism and success is reflected in the continuing high demand for his services from instructing solicitors including many repeat clients and referrals. He has been described as pro-active and has a hands on style when conducting cases.

Jon has recently defended in a number of high profile cases. These include a boiler room fraud involving the sale of diamonds, a serious assault on a police officer where a machete was used, a murder resulting from gang violence and a substantial trading standards prosecution.

Jon is currently instructed in a number of large scale frauds.

Jon is also regularly instructed to provide advice and assistance in the most serious criminal cases that have resulted in conviction with a view to having these cases reviewed by the Criminal Court of Appeal and/or the Criminal Cases Review Commission.



Notable cases

BUSINESS CRIME

R vs L - York CC (2021). Defendants charged with trade marks offences which occurred during the operation of an internet business.

R v F - Southwark CC (July 2020). Defendant facing substantial confiscation proceedings which were resolved on a favourable basis.

FRAUD

R v P - Exeter CC (2021). Defendant charged with a substantial theft from employer.

R vs F - Southwark CC (2018). Conspiracy to defraud boiler room fraud involving sale of diamonds.

R vs C - Woolwich CC. Defendant, a currency and commodities trader, was charged with money laundering offences.

R vs O - CCC. Defendant charged with a large internet fraud. The case received considerable media attention.

R vs A - Norwich Crown Court. Defendant charged with a large boiler room land bank conspiracy to defraud.

R vs T - Manchester Crown Court (Minshull St). Defendant charged with a large scale conspiracy to defraud. Defendant allegedly responsible for causing a multi-million pound loss to a large national construction company.

DEFENCE CRIME

R v E (April 2022). Operations Aquarium and Bluesword, investigations into the production and supply of very large quantities of amphetamine. This was a case involving the use of Encrochat devices. The defendant pleaded guilty to his involvement in the production and supply of Class B amphetamine drugs but was acquitted in respect of his alleged involvement in the production and supply of Class A amphetamine drugs.

R v Z (March 2022). An investigation into the alleged transfer of a firearm and ammunition. The defendant was acquitted of conspiracy to possess a prohibited firearm, a suppressor and ammunition.



R v H (October 2021). Operation Funky, an investigation into an organised criminal network involved in the supply of large quantities of Class A drugs and the possession of firearms. This was a case involving the use of Encrochat devices. The defendant pleaded guilty to some of the alleged offending but was acquitted in respect of conspiracy to rob, possession of a firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence and possession of an offensive weapon.

R v S - Liverpool CC (2021). Defendant, a vulnerable young woman charged with robbery, GBH and false imprisonment.

R v M - Birmingham CC (2021). Defendant charged with a very serious section 18 stab-bing.

R v G - Courts martial case (2021). Defendant charged with male rape.

R v S - Taunton CC (2021). Defendant charged with a large conspiracy to supply Class A drugs in a multi-handed case.

R v G - Ipswich CC (2021). Defendant charged with a large conspiracy to supply Class A drugs in a multi-handed case.

R vs R - CCC (Jan 2020). Defendant charged with attempted murder as a result of a serious attack on a police officer using a machete. The case attracted much media attention.

R vs M - Wood Green CC (Feb 2019). Defendant, 14 year old male, charged with attempted murder and section 18 GBH offence.

R vs J - Inner London Crown Court (2018). Defendant one of a number involved in the kidnap, false imprisonment and blackmail of V said to have been connected to a drugs gang. Leading counsel instructed on behalf of the main defendant. The Jury was hung and the case went to a re-trial.

R vs Defendant - Liverpool Crown Court (April 2022) - A large scale conspiracy was uncovered as part of an Encrochat enquiry. The defendant was acquitted of all counts he faced at trial. He was subsequently given a sentence of under 10 years (the lowest sentence passed at the sentence hearing) for his guilty pleas to production and supply of Class B amphetamine, the manufacture of which had been described as being on a vast scale.

<https://www.merseyside.police.uk/news/merseyside/news/august/nine-men-jailed-for-over-187-years-for-production-and-supply-of-controlled-drugs-across-great-britain/>

R vs E - Maidstone CC. Defendant who was young and vulnerable charged with others in relation to a kidnap, GBH, possession of a firearm and ABH.

R vs D - Inner London Crown Court. Defendant was part of an Irish performing arts group charged with violent disorder and assault.



R vs A - Criminal Court of Appeal. Case involving the activities of the 'Burger Bar Boys', an organised crime group involved in supplying firearms on a national scale. The case came before the Court of Appeal with the Lord Chief Justice presiding on an Attorney-General's Reference.

R vs M - Defendant charged with large scale drug production in the north of England.

R vs N - Croydon Crown Court. Defendant charged with a serious stabbing in an Operation Trident case.

R vs I - Croydon Crown Court. The young female defendant was charged with being in possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life in an Operation Trident case.

R vs F - Southwark Crown Court. Represented the main defendant in a large scale multi-handed conspiracy to import Class A drugs.

R vs H - Croydon Crown Court. Defendant was charged with historic sexual offences and was allegedly part of a large paedophile ring operating several decades ago.

R vs D - Kingston Crown Court. A large multi-handed case where the defendant was charged with conspiracy to rob and conspiracy to steal.

R vs T - Teesside Crown Court. Defendant was charged with a large scale drugs conspiracy.

R vs M - Wood Green Crown Court. Defendant was charged with violent disorder being allegedly part of the London riots.

R vs D - Isleworth Crown Court. Defendant charged with child cruelty and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

R vs A - Croydon Crown Court. Defendant charged with perverting the course of justice following a gangland killing.

R vs A - Blackfriars Crown Court. Defendant charged with robbery alongside a high profile individual. The case attracted much media attention and had to be re-tried twice.

R vs W - Inner London Crown Court. Defendant charged with a serious assault on a student.

R vs H - Central Criminal Court. Defendant, along with several others, all alleged to be part of a notorious London gang, broke into a private residence and stabbed an individual present, wrongly believed to be a rival gang member.



R vs M - Inner London Crown Court. Defendant charged with robbery and possession of firearms. The defendant and five others were alleged to have robbed a number of betting shops in South London.

R vs P - Portsmouth Crown Court. Defendant, along with four others, was charged with false imprisonment, blackmail and assault in an attempt to recover a substantial drugs debt.

R vs S - St Albans Crown Court. The defendant, along with five others, was charged with a large number of high value robberies of retail premises across the South of England.

R vs C - Central Criminal Court. The defendant, along with seven others, was charged with attempted murder which occurred during an incident involving gang rivalry.

R vs P - Southwark Crown Court. The defendant, along with three others, was charged with conspiracy to supply drugs which arose from association with a large warehouse in the North of England in which a large amount of cannabis was being produced. At the time of the trial it was reputed to be the largest cannabis production operation ever discovered in the UK.

HOMICIDE

R vs K - Central Criminal Court (CCC) (Mar 2021). Defendant charged with murder which had resulted from gang violence.

R vs P - CCC (Feb 2020). Defendant charged with murder which had resulted from gang violence.

R vs H - CCC (Nov 2019) . Defendant, a young female, charged with murder which had resulted from gang violence.

R vs P - CCC (Mar 2019). Defendant charged with murder alleged to have been committed as part of an ongoing feud.

R vs O - Defendant charged with murder where the defence relied on was battered wife syndrome.

R vs C - CCC. Defendant charged with murder. This case was the second trial of the Sydenham Park murder allegation.

R vs W - CCC. Defendant was charged with murder along with his brother and one other.

R vs RH - Croydon CC. Defendant charged with murder of his flatmate having 'con-fessed' the crime to a local clairvoyant. The case attracted much media interest.

TERRORISM



R vs E - CCC. Defendant, a Libyan national, was accused of terrorist offences, which involved the sale of arms to Libya to assist combatants engaged in the civil war.

R vs E - Criminal Court of Appeal. The same case as above was the subject of an Attorney General's Reference and came before a specially constituted 5 member Appeal Court which issued guidance on sentencing in similar cases.

R vs M - CCC. Defendant, a young male, charged with terrorist offences.

SEXUAL OFFENCES

R vs B - Guildford CC (2022). Allegation of sexual touching of a child against a defendant of good character.

[Nurse accused of sexually assaulting boy, 14, at street party cleared | Metro News](#)

[Nurse, 40, is CLEARED of sexually assaulting boy, 14, after he claimed she attacked him during boozy street party | The Sun](#)

[Nurse, 40, is cleared of sexual assault on schoolboy, 14, while drunk at VE Day street party | Daily Mail Online](#)

R v S - Woolwich CC (2021). Defendant charged with rape of his step-daughter.

R vs H - Croydon CC. Defendant was charged with historic sexual offences allegedly being a part of a large paedophile ring operating several decades ago.

R vs B - Woolwich CC. Defendant charged with rape of his two younger male cousins. Historic allegations.

R vs K - Inner London CC. Defendant charged with rape of his daughter. Historic allegations.

R vs A - Croydon CC. Defendant and his brother charged with historic rape allegations approximately 40 years earlier.