



Kieran Galvin

Year of Call: 1996

Primarily a defence expert with experience in white-collar crime and other serious complex crime.

Extensive experience in defending in all manner of frauds including major cases brought by the SFO. Represented directors of football clubs accused of dishonesty and tax evasion.

By way of short examples defended in other major criminal trials, (The Bishops Stortford Massacre), kidnapping and blackmail by members of the alleged Baybasin Cartel and R v I murder and GBH most recently at Sheffield Crown Court.

Extensive experience in professional discipline and representation at Inquests.

General Crime:

Operation Alington was a SOCA investigation into myriad drug conspiracies involving the importation of industrial quantities of cocaine into the UK. The evidence was principally from a Colombian 'super-grass' and covert tape recording. The acquittals at the first trial led to the collapse of two 'follow-on' trials all listed at the Old Bailey.

The Bishop's Stortford Massacre. Instructed by Bark & Co Solicitors, acted for the principal defendant in a triple murder heard at St Alban's Crown Court. The case involved detailed consideration of ballistic evidence.

R v G & others all who were charged with conspiracy to blackmail, conspiracy to cause GBH and conspiracy to kidnap. The case arose following a lengthy NCA investigation into alleged protection rackets within the Turkish community. The case involved the extensive use of 'probe' evidence, probes being secreted in vehicles, houses one and even telephone boxes. Following a 6-week trial at Woolwich Crown Court G was acquitted of all charges.



Fraud Cases:

Defended in many of the major frauds prosecuted in the past decade including the Cheney Pension Fraud, London City Bond (the first-ever successful appeal against conviction) and Anglo-American. This was at the time the largest complex advance fee fraud prosecuted by the SFO.

Defended in numerous MTIC frauds; notably, Operation Gnawed at Nottingham Crown Court, Operation Devout at Northampton Crown Court, R v M a £54 million-pound diversion fraud at Worcester Crown Court and R v Khan at Southampton Crown Court.

Defending in a £22,000,000 cigarette fraud in Manchester Crown Court. Sentences imposed following timely guilty pleas.

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/colin-vaissiere-crumpsall-hmrc-court-16801217>

Regulatory Practice:

Mr Galvin has extensive experience, principally in medical discipline appearing before the GMC, HCPC and NMC.

Mr Galvin successfully defended the principal defendant in the 'Bulmer Art Fraud' case at Bristol Crown Court-resisting applications by the Crown to bring new charges to the Indictment and making detailed submissions on the evidence that remained.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7681635/Trial-collapses-11-men-accused-2-7m-art-jewellery-heist-Bulmers-cider-millionaire.html>

<https://thebristolcable.org/2019/10/avon-and-somerset-police-to-be-sued-over-botched-art-heist-investigation/>

Instructed to defend a midwife, M, before the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). Following a two-week hearing, allegations that a string of errors had endangered the life of a newborn child were dismissed.

The same midwife was implicated in the death of a newborn child on another occasion. In a separate hearing spanning five working days, all charges were dismissed following submissions, unusually on the R v Turnbull provisions, at the close of the NMC's case.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3344734/Musketeer-midwife-series-mistakes-day-work-scandal-hit-maternity-unit-11-babies-died-cleared-misconduct.html>

Root and branch investigation into care practices at NHS premises in Oxfordshire.



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<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/oct/11/connor-sparrowhawk-justice-laughing-boy-death-campaign>

Dr now back in practice.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/6324349/skin-queen-doctor-banned/>

Inquests:

Mr Galvin, instructed by Fladgate LLP, represented the family of Nigel Stepney, the former Formula 1 mechanic who helped lead Michael Schumacher to numerous world championships at the inquest into his death. Mr Stepney was killed when he was hit by a lorry on the M20 in the early hours of May 2nd, 2014. The Coroner returned an Open Verdict.

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/ashford/news/formula-one-man-dives-in-25025/>