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Year of Call: 1990

Year took silk: 2020

Mark Graffius KC is 'an outstanding advocate' in the fields of serious crime and complex fraud, in which he excels and is highly sought.

He is skillful, articulate and has been described as 'highly polished' with 'exceptional client care and judgement'.

Mark's particular specialisation is in fraud allegations and corporate crime, cases involving murder, drug manufacture and importation, money laundering and firearms.

He has been involved in numerous high profile organised crime cases from Supergrass cases and gangland murders, to the £53 million Tonbridge Robbery and cartel cases involving the DEA and international law enforcement agencies.

Mark has defended directors in cases varying from substantial VAT and Duty and Excise fraud, to a national sub-contracting fraud in the construction industry, to money laundering involving Swiss banks and Swiss Banking Law and cases alleging corporate bribery.

Due to his expertise in this area of financial crime, Mark often advises company directors in matters of tax, VAT and director's disqualifications, pre-charge.

Appointments & Memberships:

- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Financial Services Association

FRAUD AND FINANCIAL CRIME

Mark is regularly instructed in complex and substantial fraud cases and in asset forfeiture and restraint proceeding.

Mark also advises company directors pre-charge and in matters of tax, VAT and director's disqualifications.

HMRC v Divyesh Karsan & Ors - Mark, leading Nikita McNeill, appeared in a lengthy and complex MTIC fraud. The prosecution followed a large-scale HMRC investigation, including covert surveillance and concealed cameras installed within the organisation's offices. HMRC estimated that over £85 million in profits was laundered within the UK and transferred abroad, and that the total loss to the revenue as over £34 million. Mark defended the director of Golden Harvest, a wholesale alcohol supplier.



HMRC v Italian Wine Company - Over a 5 year period from 2008 to 2013, the Italian Wine Company allegedly smuggled wine from Italy by manipulating the Excise Movement and Control System and by the multiple use of Administrative Reference Codes on importation documents. HMRC estimated that the total VAT, Excise Duty and Corporation Tax evaded was over £46.5 million.

R v S - Operation Euripus: £250 million MTIC fraud, representing a director of four Hong Kong and two EU based companies alleged to have been a main EU supplier and responsible for organizing the movement of money off- shore.

R v C - Operation Vex: £80 million MTIC fraud, representing a director of a UK and Dubai based companies.

R v X - Complex cross-jurisdictional conspiracy involving the large-scale theft of film production equipment. The frauds, amounting to £4 million, took place in America, Europe, South Africa and Japan.

R v M - £3.5 million land banking fraud representing the director of three companies alleged to have held and sold land for investment as an unregulated Collective Investment Scheme.

R v D - Representing a director in an alleged national subcontracting fraud carried out over a three-year period in the construction industry.

R v Z - Conspiracy to defraud mortgage lenders involving portfolios of property alleged to have been carried out over a nine-year period.

R v W - Director charged with defrauding.

CRIMINAL DEFENCE

R v G - London gang related murder involving north London gangs.

R v T - 16 year old charged with murder.

R v M - London gang related murder involving east London gangs.

R v A - London gang related murder involving the Mali Boys and Higham Hill gang.

R v W - Double murder during aggravated burglaries.

R v L - Murder of 15-month-old baby.



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R v M - Encrochat conspiracy to murder involving semi-automatic pistols, assault rifles and hand grenades.

R v L - International drug importations of tonnes of cocaine involving the American, Spanish, Columbian and Dutch Drug Enforcement Agencies.

R v OW - Christmas Common Murder. Not guilty verdict by reason of insanity.

R v H - The murder and disposal of one victim and separate attempted murder of another victim with an axe.

R v L - Murder of co-worker during Lockdown.

R v D - 22 year old Cold Case murder.

R v M - Multiple attempted murders using knives, axes and machetes.

R v O - London gang related attempted murder and acid attack.

R v Gul - Conspiracy to supply firearms.

R v AB - Gangland murder.

R v A - Conspiracy to cheat the public revenue. Tobacco duty evasion: 48 tonnes of tobacco and £7.5 million duty evaded.

R v V - Nationwide Country Lines Class A drug supply.

R v Qureshi - Fraud on major clearing banks by computer hacking.

R v Connolly - International tobacco smuggling operation valued at £70 million.

R v M - Conspiracy to Rob, Kidnap and possess firearms. Robbery of £53 million from the Securitas Depot Tonbridge.

R v Hillier - Robbery of gold bullion, diamonds and currency from Brinks Matt at Swissport Heathrow.