



MARTIN SHARPE

BA (Hons), MA

1989 – Called Middle Temple

Fields of Practice:

Crime:

Full range of defence & prosecution work, including serious fraud, mortgage frauds, large scale drug conspiracies and importations, large scale public order offences, civil liberties-related sex cases, rapes, serious assaults including murder, armed robbery and mental health related work.

Considerable expertise and experience in all types of confiscation proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 & earlier legislation – including High Court & appellate work.

Regulatory Work:

Wide experience in Police Disciplinary Proceedings including all stages of appellate work. Full range of General Medical Council regulatory work. Has also defended in Football Association Disciplinary Hearings.

Inquests:

Represented a wide range of interested parties & witnesses.

Judicial Review:

Cases arising from criminal law & regulatory law.

Cases of Note:

Crime

R v Goodyear [2005] 3 All E.R. 117, Archbold 5-79b – Appeared at first instance and then took this case to the Court of Appeal, without a leader. Introduced sentence indication “*Goodyear indications*” in open court.

R v Rumble [2003] 1Cr.App.R.(S) 618 – Leading case for ecstasy supply.

R(Miller Gardner Solicitors) v Minshull St Crown Court [2002] 67 JCL 370, EWCA 3077, Archbold 15-79 – JR case concerning access to special procedure material by a firm of solicitors – leading case on legal professional privilege.

R v Mark McCracken - Civil Court of Appeal June 2011
Representing parents fighting appointment of Receiver to enforce sale of their home in enforcement of confiscation order.

R v David Reed – Bradford Crown Court 10/05/11 to 14/06/11
Large scale drugs conspiracy.

R v Federick Hector – Sheffield Crown Court 27/10/10
Wide ranging conspiracy to defraud.

R v Jiri Machac - Sheffield Crown Court 7/06/10 to 10/06/10
Attempted murder of prostitute.

R v Joseph Housen – Bradford Crown Court 20/04/09 to 6/05/09 & 18/01/10 to 9/02/10
Leading Junior in extensive drugs conspiracy.

R v Nadim Farid – Bradford Crown Court 10/02/09 to 6/04/09
Extensive mortgage fraud & money laundering.

R v Andrew Shovelar – Lincoln Crown Court 2/07/07 to 19/07/07 & 7/01/08 to 21/02/08 Serving Police Officer numerous allegations of grievous bodily harm against partner.

R v Naseem Hamed - Sheffield Crown Court 15/05/06
Represented “Prince” Naseem Hamed, the boxer, on his plea and sentence for dangerous driving.

R v David Eade & Stuart Spacey - Sheffield Crown Court 31/03/06
Led by Simon Bourne-Arton QC for Eade. This was an SFO prosecution for conspiracy to defraud. It involved a multi million fraud on Barnsley College. Ultimately no evidence was offered against Mr Eade because of his ill-health.

R v Joanne Ellis & others – Leeds Crown Court 6/02/06 to 28/03/06
High profile drugs conspiracy.

R v Mavis Long & others – Lincoln Crown Court 16/5/05 to 24/6/05
Led by Andrew Edis QC. Prosecuted by Collingwood Thompson QC and Junior. A high profile complex fraud prosecution of a Chief Inspector in the Lincolnshire Police force and his family.

R v Daniel Sheriffe – Leeds Crown Court 24/1/05 to 4/2/05

High profile manslaughter before Mr Justice Royce. Leading Alex Taylor, the Crown instructed Paul Worsley QC leading Taryn Jones Turner.

R v Masood Ashgar – Preston Crown Court April to June 04

Asian gang war in Burnley involving defendants who were in the Burnley riots.

R v David Copeland & others – Manchester Crown Court April to June 03

High profile murder led by Andrew Robertson QC and prosecuted by Jim Pickup QC.

R v Torkoniak – Lincoln Crown Court Sept to Nov/03

Led by Nigel Sangster QC. Three month high profile trial, with extensive media coverage, of a solicitor for serious fraud involving “No win no fee” agreements. Following conviction leading counsel left the case and became the leading junior for the protracted confiscation proceedings.

Oldham & Burnley Riot Trials 2002

Represented a number of defendants who contested trial for riot and violent disorder.

R v Whittaker – Sheffield Crown Court Jan/Feb 2002

Led by Michael Topolski QC. Two month trial of a serial killer at Sheffield Crown Court from January 2002. At the time this was Humberside Police’s biggest ever investigation and was prosecuted by Andrew Robertson QC.

R v Pearson & others. This case was heard at Manchester Crown Court between January & April 2001. It was Manchester’s largest advance fee fraud case and involved tax advice offered to over 2,500 junior doctors. Mr Pearson was originally subject to a DTI investigation, which was latterly taken over by the Police. Other investigatory agencies involved were the Inland Revenue and Trading Standards.

“Bolton Seven Case” – which became *R v Turner & others 98/1492/X2*. This was a male sex case, which involved similar issues to the “Spanner Case” and was taken to the Court of Appeal, where five defendants were represented and then to ECHR, where the British Government settled the matter by way of compensation.

Regulatory & other work

Inquest into death of Myra Stockhill at Middlesbrough Coroner’s Court – 6 week death in custody case, Oct & Nov 2009.

Inquest into death of Andrew Marwood at Sheffield Coroner’s Court – 1 week death in custody case, March 2007.

Derbyshire Police Constable accused of having an affair with member of public while on duty – Police Disciplinary Hearing, May 2011.

Nottinghamshire Police Sergeant accused of a wide range of discriminatory behaviour – 2 week Police Disciplinary Hearing, May 2010.

Derbyshire acting Police Sergeant accused of serious breaches of PACE – 1 week Police Disciplinary Hearing, March 2010.

Represented Pat Malkinson, the ex-Chairman of Boston United Football Club in the longest ever investigation into football club finances by the Football Association. The case received considerable publicity and was prosecuted by the Compliance

Department of the FA. It involved contractual irregularities, company accounts and the pending takeover of the club by a property development company.

Additional Information:

On Bar Council approved list of counsel who can accept instructions from members of the public direct.

CPS approved Grade 4 prosecutor.

Member of the Criminal Bar Association, Liberty and Justice.

Lectured in criminal law.

Conducts seminars on human rights.

Languages: Spanish