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1990- Called to the Bar

Appointments: Grade 4 CPS prosecutor
Treasury Counsel monitree

Fields of Practice:

Crime

- Homicide
- Medico-legal cases
- Scientific issues, including DNA, toxicology and blood pattern distribution
- Psychiatric issues, including insanity, fitness to plead, diminished responsibility etc
- Human Rights
- Other Serious Crime
- Data protection
- Crime related judicial review

Regulatory Law

- Health Care Regulatory and Disciplinary work
- Licensing

Areas of Practice

Practice over the years has developed from one of increasingly demanding defence cases [prison riots, prison escapes, gangland murders, fraud, international drug conspiracies and terrorist trials] to a more evenly balanced practice incorporating high profile prosecutions [e.g. the prosecution of Dr Howard Martin for the murder of 3 of his patients] and acting for the General Medical Council before its fitness to practise panel. Also been instructed for bars and clubs in respect of licensing applications.

Selection of Major Criminal Cases conducted over last 7 years

R v Seddon and others (Investigation by National Crime Squad into activities of Manchester and South East drug trafficking gangs)

R v Anderson-Smith and others (Long-term investigation by Customs and Excise into the drug trafficking activity of a major drug wholesaler in Lincolnshire/ Nottinghamshire areas)

R v Markham and others (National Crime Squad investigation into drug trafficking activities of several men leading to the discovery of one of largest cannabis factories/farms in the UK)

R v Bell and others (Conspiracy to import and supply 8 tonnes of class A and B drugs over an 18 month period)

R v Raman and others (Police and MI5 investigation into activities of alleged terrorists)

R v Rivers and others (Major Leeds drug dealer [Clifton Bryan] executed in Manchester and the bodies dumped in Chapeltown, Leeds)

R v Wanless (Large scale advanced fee and loan fraud)

R v Rodger (One of three prisoners who escaped from HMP Parkhurst)

R v Edwards and others (One of seven prisoners who overpowered their guards and escaped)

R v Wilson and others (Defendant escaped from jail and committed a number of armed robberies. Recaptured after a three day armed siege in a remote hamlet near Glossop)

R v Boyle (Attempted assassination of major East End gangster by freelance IRA assassin. Major issue on appeal: fresh medical evidence that police marksmen rather than appellant had shot the victim three times)

R v Dr Haslam (Consultant psychiatrist charged with rape and sexual assault upon three patients. Two main issues in case: reliability of complainants' evidence; and admissibility of similar fact evidence)

R v Gittings and Ellison (Prosecuting 2 men charged with an inter-racial murder)

R v Darayanani (Defending man charged with conspiracy to counterfeit on massive scale US Dollars and Sterling bank notes. Prosecution arose out of separate investigations by the BBC ["Funny Money"] and The National Crime Squad)

R v Dr Martin (Prosecution of GP charged with the murder of 3 of his terminally ill patients by the use of excessive doses of morphine and other drugs)

R v Victoria Scott (Mother charged with murder/manslaughter of her 10 week old baby. Case involved so called "triad" of symptoms i.e. subdural haemorrhage, retinal haemorrhage and swelling of the brain. Prosecution alleged conventional theory that triad diagnostic of shaking. Defence case was systemic infection)

R v Ioannis Revenikiotis (Prosecution of Greek national charged with kidnap and indecent assault of one female and indecent assault and the manslaughter of another female. The defendant on each occasion when posing as a taxi driver would kidnap females with a view to sexually assaulting them. The final victim fell or threw herself out of his moving vehicle and was killed by an on-coming vehicle)

Selection of GMC cases conducted over last 7 years

GMC v Dr Bose (Junior A&E doctor charged with conducting inappropriate intimate examination of the complainant at hospital and at her home and failure to record examination, treatment etc in patient's medical records)

GMC v Mr Phipps (General surgeon charged with dishonestly presenting his career history in order to obtain consultant status)

GMC v Mr Mehmet (Consultant surgeon charged with clinical incompetence resulting in death of patient and falsifying medical notes after complaint lodged by patient)

GMC v Dr Sayeed (Family planning GP charged with deficient medical knowledge)

GMC v Dr Nankonya (Consultant physician charged with personal and professional misconduct and dishonesty)

GMC v Dr Betts (Consultant psychiatrist charged with sexual and other inappropriate conduct with patients and colleagues)

GMC v Dr Ghosh (Doctor charged with clinical, professional and personal misconduct)

Recent Reported Cases of Importance

Gardener v Lewis (1998) 1WLR 1535 (Privy Council, on appeal from Jamaica. Interpretation of Jamaican land law statute and the applicability of Canadian and Australian case law on the issue)

R v Coles and Bradley. Issue 8 Archbold News 1999 (Court Of Appeal. Issue: scope and weight to be given by Court to any report prepared by Criminal Cases Review Commission)

Von Stark v The Queen (2000) 1 WLR 1276 (Privy Council, on appeal from Jamaica. Issues: when alternative verdicts should be left by a judge; the precise status of unsworn statements from the dock and statements under caution made to the police; and the impact of the Vienna Convention on the rights of foreign nationals under investigation in Jamaica)

GMC v Kerr [2002] All ER (D) 220 (Oct) (Administrative Court. Interpretation of section 41A(6) Medical Act 1983)

R v Brook, The Times March 31 2003 (Court of Appeal. Propriety of prosecution comment and cross examination on the issue of absence of motive for false complaints. Commonwealth authorities on this issue relied upon. Question of public importance certified by the Court for consideration of the House of Lords. Appeal lodged with European Court of Human Rights)

Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association
Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers.