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Practice

Mark was called to the Bar in 1989 starting off his professional career working for a commercial firm of Solicitors in London. He now specialises in criminal work acting for both the prosecution and defence.

Over recent years he has been involved in many serious and high profile cases as leading or led junior or as junior alone and is regularly involved in cases prosecuted by the SFO and RCPO.

His main areas of practice include:

- Fraud (including carousel and e-bay), money laundering and confiscation
- Homicide
- Large gangland conspiracies
- Armed Robbery
- Drugs conspiracies

He is certified as a "leading advocate" for the VHCC panel.

He is a category 4 prosecutor and is certified to prosecute offences of rape and other serious sexual offences.

He was appointed as a Recorder in 2009.

Notable Cases

During 2008/2009 Mark has been involved in the following cases:

- R v Southern ("Operation Cambist") - leading junior for the principle defendant in a £25 million duty evasion
- R v Green ("Atoriana II") - SFO company asset stripping fraud
- R v Taylor ("Operation Greengage") – 28-handed multi agency cross-border case involving firearms and drugs importation from Eastern Europe through Amsterdam into the UK

Other recent cases have included:

- R v Ashton [1994] AC 9 HL - large scale football violence case which eventually went to the House of Lords upon the issue of whether staying a part of the indictment as abuse of process is a decision “relating to trial on indictment”
- R v Ogden & Birchall - the first prosecution in the North West relating solely to money laundering allegations under the Proceeds of Crime Act
- R v McColl - gangland double murder contract killing
- R v Dott - murder involving entomological evidence which was used to accurately date the time of death by reference to the developmental state of various insect pupae
- R v Shaw & others – multi-million pound cocaine importation conspiracy
Mark was involved in the Strangeways Riot case and the Oldham and Burnley race riots.

Personal

Mark is computer literate; married with 3 children and in his spare time enjoys football (watching and playing badly) and running.