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Practice

Kevin has a Double First in Law from Cambridge University. He undertakes all aspects of criminal work, both prosecution and defence. He is on the Attorney-General's Panel of Prosecution Advocates (B List) and the majority of his work involves prosecuting on behalf of various prosecution authorities which have included HMRC, CPS (Organised Crime Division), BERR, the Environment Agency and numerous local authorities. Kevin has a particular expertise in benefit fraud prosecutions and regularly prosecutes on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions.

Kevin also undertakes licensing work on behalf of local authorities and has particular experience in taxi licensing law.

Kevin has extensive experience of cases involving fraud and has prosecuted and defended in cases involving money laundering. He has a particular expertise in prosecuting social security benefit fraud. Confiscation and asset recovery forms an increasingly important part of fraud cases and Kevin is experienced in dealing with these issues.

Recent experience of fraud cases includes involvement in the following:

- Prosecution Counsel in Operation Housemaster (2009 -Preston Crown Court) This involved the successful prosecution of three employers who conspired to defraud the DWP by encouraging over 50 members of staff to falsely claim social security benefits;
- Operation Tancred (2007-2009 – Preston Crown Court) This case concerned an international conspiracy to defraud elderly victims by the provision of unnecessary damp proof treatment and then the subsequent laundering of the proceeds. Kevin was Second Junior Counsel for the main defendant who was tried following his extradition to the UK.
- Operation Zealot (Liverpool Crown Court 2007-2008). Kevin successfully prosecuted a total of 15 defendants for benefit fraud offences arising out of their involvement in a conspiracy to trade in counterfeit goods.
- Operation Goodies (Manchester Crown Court 2005 -2009). Instructed by HMRC as led Junior in relation to a large-scale conspiracy to import counterfeit cigarettes. Confiscation proceedings are ongoing.
- Second Junior Prosecuting Counsel in Operation Flourish (Preston Crown Court 2007) which concerned allegations of large-scale insurance frauds and money laundering.

In the past few years, Kevin has also formed part of the prosecution team in high profile cases concerning police corruption and drugs importation:

- Disclosure Counsel in Operation Salt (Birmingham Crown Court 2006-2008) prosecuted by CPS Organised Crime Division. The case concerned a covert investigation into police corruption involving gangland criminals. All 9 defendants were successfully convicted.
- Junior Prosecution Counsel in Operation Sepulchre (Liverpool Crown Court 2003-2006) which concerned a joint investigation by HMRC and Greater Manchester Police into large-scale drugs importations into the Northwest of England and involved the evidence of a “super-grass”. The conspirators were dealt with in a series of cases over several years and ultimately the Operation led to the conviction of 18 conspirators. Kevin began his involvement in the case as Second Junior at the first trial, becoming Junior Counsel for subsequent cases involving further conspirators.