

## Michael Lavery

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### Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

### Criminal CV

#### Overview

Michael has an established, heavyweight and successful criminal practice which involves representing those accused of the most serious of offences including murder, fraud and large scale drug conspiracies.

He is predominantly instructed for the defence, although he is a Category 4 and specialist rape prosecutor.

He has been appointed as Leading Counsel in numerous cases and has been involved in some of the most notorious cases nationally, from the Strangeways riots of the early 90's, numerous 'Gunchester' murder trials, to the infamous serial killer Dale Cregan. He recently defended Thomas Mair, the killer of the MP, Jo Cox.

Michael presents a straightforward view of each case, quickly bringing the real issues into sharp relief, and advising accordingly.

Michael is an expert in cases where fraudulent activity is alleged. He has extensive experience in defending clients charged with fraud and has been instructed on MTIC, eBay, reverse transaction and Ponzi frauds.

Current instructions include:

- Acting in a high-profile fraud case where the fraud exceeds £150m;
- A further Ponzi style fraud worth in excess of £250m;
- A £25m racketeering fraud involving the formation of dummy companies;
- Leading Counsel in a substantial 6 month fraud trial later in 2017 where the value of the fraud runs into many millions of pounds;
- Acting for a Solicitor charged with fraud;
- Defending a corporate financier alleged to be involved in the largest HMRC prosecution in respect of Tax evasion schemes, trial listed for 8 months

## Recommendations

“A very smooth speaker and operator, he is very client-friendly and very engaging.”

“A no-nonsense and very able barrister.”

“Charming, hard-working and diligent.”

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“He does the heavyweight work.”

“I would be happy to have him representing me, he’s a well-respected junior.”

### **Chambers and Partners 2016**