

Robert Golinski

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Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

Beyond the Bar

Bob is a keen musician. He was the guitarist in the late 70s/early 80s band, Golinski Brothers, whose single was among John Peel's favourite records. "People have been given the OBE for less, a lot less!" said Peel. The Golinski Brothers are occasionally resurrected. He plays lead guitar in Exchange Chambers' own band – Red Corner.

Practice Overview

Robert is a well-respected and highly experienced criminal practitioner working in all areas of criminal law and related fields. His areas of practice include murder and other homicides, fraud (including banking, commercial and online fraud), counterfeiting, money laundering, confiscation and asset recovery, serious sexual offences, drugs importation and supply, serious violence, prison law and police complaints and discipline. With a broad life experience he is able to set clients at ease and brings understanding and strength in equal measure to each case.

As a Category 4 Prosecutor he has been instructed in a number of serious, high profile cases, although he defends and prosecutes in roughly equal measure. Recently, he has prosecuted in widely publicised cases involving the most serious sexual offences, abduction, trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children and adults.

He advises on and has appeared in civil jury trials relating to complaints against the police and has experience of police disciplinary tribunals. He appears in inquests into deaths in custody. He has also advised on and conducted immigration cases including judicial review.

Cases

HOMICIDE

- R v Nehls – prosecuted husband for murder of his wife.
- R v K – defended in a high profile case in which parents were alleged to have used one twin to conceal harm done to the other.
- R v Hill – appeared for a mother charged with the murder of her child where there was contested psychiatric evidence on the issue of diminished responsibility.
- R v Bowman – defended the mother of a toddler alleged to have been killed by the mother's boyfriend after systematic child abuse. The case included the consideration of and challenge to a vast amount of expert medical evidence.

FRAUD

- R v French & others – defended as a leading junior in multi-million pound advance fee fraud.
- R v Evans – defended in a case seen as the largest company fraud in North Wales at the time involving extensive argument on abuse of process.
- R v Street – conspiracy to defraud local authorities related to the running of private children's homes.
- R v Clarke – defended in a multi-million pound counterfeiting conspiracy.

DRUGS

He has been instructed as a leading junior in multi-defendant cases involving the importation of cutting agents and the supply of class A drugs.

SEXUAL OFFENCES

He appears regularly for both prosecution and defence in cases of serious child sexual exploitation and familial sexual abuse.