

Adrian Farrow

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Appointments

- Registered Pupil Supervisor
- Assistant Coroner

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Law Society (admitted as Solicitor 1985)
- Health and Safety Lawyers Association
- The Coroner's Society of England and Wales

Education

- Leicester University LLB (Hons) 1981
- College of Law (Chester) 1982
- Inn: Middle Temple (1997)

Criminal CV

Overview

Adrian has been an exclusively criminal practitioner since 1988. He began his legal life as a solicitor before becoming a barrister in 1997.

His experience covers the complete spectrum of criminal offences, including homicide (incorporating fatal driving and gross negligence health and safety cases), drugs, fraud, firearms, serious sexual offences and confiscation. With a great deal of experience as a led junior, he is now most frequently instructed in "senior junior" work alone or as a leading junior.

Adrian's practice is balanced equally between prosecution and defence work. His defence practice profile incorporates the same comprehensive range of work. Notable defence cases include:

R v PL – (Scambuster investigation leading to wide-spread fraud involving servicing and supply of vacuum cleaners to vulnerable members of the public. Heard in Leeds. Client acquitted whilst others convicted: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-41389290>);

R v X – unique case of the boy who solicited his own murder (<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2004/may/29/crime.uknews>);

R v Piggott (gangland shooting in Manchester [2005] All ER (D) 46),

R v SR (nightclub murder in Bradford);

R v Wilson-Fletcher (high-profile "Debenhams" rape in Manchester <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-25039764>);

R v H (widescale fraud by mortgage broker in Sheffield);

R v F (bank manager accused of fraud on the bank in Southwark);

R v K (young man accused of the murder of his best friend in Manchester);

R v I M (biggest “legal highs” case in England, heard in Bolton http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/12960447.GUILTY_Pair_who_helped_run_multi_million_pound_drugs_operation_from_Farnworth_industrial_unit/);

R v Wilson (illegal money-lending in Manchester <http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/stockport-husband-wife-loan-sharks-10954979>);

R v Boos (knife murder in Moss Side)

He is a Category 4 prosecutor and is on the Attorney General’s list. As such, he is regularly instructed in complex, high profile, sensitive and multi-handed cases.

Adrian has for many years undertaken criminal work originating from local authorities. His experience of fraud, confiscation, copyright, trading standards, health and safety and food safety cases makes him counsel of choice by defence and prosecutions alike.

With a reputation for hard work, thorough preparation and effective advocacy, Adrian is always in demand as an approachable criminal practitioner in chambers. He is strategically aware and has a clear, calm manner in what are often hugely complex cases. He effortlessly combines intellect with insight to bring rarely seen detail to his cases.

Recommendations

“He is exhausting to be against because he is so good and ahead of the game.” “Fine attention to detail.” “Has a very appealing style in court and is very conscientious.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“His strategy is always very carefully considered and his judgement is trusted by the judiciary. His knowledge of the field is second to none, and he puts complex arguments in an attractive and comprehensible fashion.” “Absolutely outstanding - he’s meticulous in his preparation and so hard-working.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“You can trust him with serious and complex cases.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“Adrian is very experienced and a particularly good prosecutor who can handle a multitude of work. You know you’re in for a tough yet courteous fight against Adrian.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“He has brilliant judgement and is very measured.” “He is hard-working, has a good eye for detail and a careful, meticulous approach.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“He prosecutes a lot of multi-handed cases. He does so much preparation and can really marshal large amounts of data.” “As a former solicitor, his superior knowledge shows in this area. He is superbly detailed in his approach to cases and gives very clear, cogent advice at the right time.”

Chambers and Partners 2016

Recognised particularly for his specialism in undertaking multi-handed fraud cases brought by local authorities. His practice also encompasses regulatory work.

Expertise: “He is extraordinarily bright.”

Chambers and Partners 2014

“Past work includes fatal accidents and breaches of health and safety regulations.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“Prosecutes and defends in a range of health and safety matters.”

The Legal 500 2017

Cases

R v Platt, Platt and Holden – attempted murder in Manchester (2010)

R v Mohammed – £0.5m fraud in Chester (2010)

R v C – serious multi-victim rape and kidnap case in Manchester (2010)

R v Peers – multi-handed copyright conspiracy in Manchester (2010)

R v D – misconduct in a public office by forensic science officer in Warrington (2010)

Operation Tin - multi-handed 14-offence armed robbery conspiracy in Manchester (2010)

R v Robinson – 4-handed Housing Benefit fraud in Bolton (2010)

R v Watchorn – attempted murder in Manchester (2011)

R v DJ & C Foods Limited – defending – Food Safety Act case - craft knife blade in child's ice-cream in Sheffield (2011)

R v B – £3.8m cigarette and alcohol duty evasion in Manchester (2011)

R v Coffey and others – railway metals theft in Liverpool (2011)

R v Brennan – (Operation Oak) drugs conspiracy in Preston (2012)

R v Longmire & W – historic sexual abuse with complex abuse of process issues in Manchester (2012)

R v Ramsey and others – extensive Class A drugs conspiracy in Birmingham (2012)

R v Nazar – diminished responsibility murder in Manchester (2013)

R v Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, Officer E and Officer F – fatal shooting of police officer in training in Manchester (2012)

R v Nawaz and others – multi-handed international internet-based finance fraud in Manchester (2013)

R v H – multi-defendant mortgage fraud in Sheffield (2013)

R v S – (Operation Blenheim) national drugs conspiracy in Liverpool (2013)

R v Ali and others – honour violence in Manchester (2013)

R v Wilson-Fletcher – “Debenhams rape” in Manchester (2013)

R v Temple – making explosives in Manchester (2013)

R v Ainger and others – tobacco duty evasion in Leeds (2014)

R v Koky and others – gang rape in Manchester (2016)

R v Cousins and others – Cannabis conspiracy and conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office jointly charged with a serving police officer in Manchester (2016)

R v Boos – knife murder in Manchester (2016)

R v PL – Scambuster investigation leading to wide-spread fraud involving servicing and supply of vacuum cleaners to vulnerable members of the public. Heard in Leeds. Client acquitted whilst others convicted: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-41389290> (2017)