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Appointments

- Attorney General's List to prosecute on behalf of the Health and Safety Executive and Environment Agency
- Recorder (2020)

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

Education

- University of Edinburgh LL.M (International Criminal Law)
- University of Durham BA (Hons) Law

Criminal CV

Overview

Michael is an experienced criminal advocate who has represented clients in the House of Lords through to the Magistrates Courts.

Michael has wide ranging experience prosecuting and defending in serious crime including terrorism offences, murder and high value missing trader intra community fraud.

He is a category 4 Prosecutor and has been appointed to the Attorney Generals List to prosecute on behalf of the Health & Safety Executive and Environment Agency.

Cases

Operation Mantra – Nottingham Crown Court [2014] – Defence counsel in a trial lasting several months concerning the large scale supply of cocaine and amphetamine on a regional and national level

Operation Glidepath – Hull Crown Court [2014] - Defence Counsel in a 9 week trial concerning £5million excise and VAT fraud involving the illegal use of red diesel and multiple companies.

Operation CROCODILE/MOSQUITO – Manchester Crown Court [2014] - Crown counsel in a case involving multiple organised crime groups exploiting Hawala banking to launder over £12 million pounds of cash.

Operation BAY – Preston Crown Court [2013]– Lead Defence counsel in a £25 million fraudulent trading prosecution against a former financial services provider which included a number of regulatory offences.

Operation ISMINE – Preston Crown Court [2013] – Lead Crown counsel in a banking fraud that targeted the Royal Bank of Scotland Group and a factoring company called Bibbys. 10 week trial.

R -v- DM – Preston CC [2013] – Crown counsel - Horrific murder of a 16 year old girl that warranted a 35 year minimum term set on his life sentence.

R -v- Hughes – Mold CC [2010] – Multi million pound mortgage fraud spanning a decade

R -v- Ihsan Meer – Bradford CC [2009] Large scale sophisticated mortgage fraud involved 13 defendants.

R -v- Nurlan Abdroikof - House of Lords [2007] UKHL 37 - This appeal concerns the human rights implications of police officers and CPS lawyers sitting on juries.

R-v-Gillian Wilson – Sheffield CC [2007] - 13 defendants – High profile, multi million pound brothel case – successfully stayed the prosecution as an abuse.

R -v- Matthew Sharman & Others – Canterbury Crown Court [2006] - £10 million missing trader VAT fraud – 6 month trial – Appeal against Conviction The Times [2008] Oct 3.

R -v- Yonis Dirie – Central Criminal Court [2006] – Attempted Murder/Rape from 1989 investigated by the “Cold Case Unit”

R -v- Nasreddine Fekhardji & Others – Central Criminal Court 2003/2004 - Defendants in possession of ricin poison and charged inter alia under the Terrorism Act 2000 and the Chemicals Weapons Act.

R -v- Jason McIlfatrick & Others - Southwark Crown Court [2000] – £25 million diversion fraud. Subsequent review by the Court of Appeal in relation to the non disclosure by Customs of participating informants. (Lawtel 11.3.2005)

Beyond the Bar

- Qualified helicopter and fixed wing pilot.
- International Work Jamaica - Awarded the Michael Self QC Scholarship in 2000.
- From February through to May, Michael worked at the Kingston Law Centre, Jamaica on capital murder trials at first instance through to appellate level at the Privy Council.