Kristian Cavanagh

Call 2007

EXCHANGE CHAMBERS

Clerks

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Appointments

- Recorder on the Northern Circuit
- Specialist Regulatory Panel (List C)

Memberships

- CPS Grade 2 Prosecutor

Criminal

Prior to coming to the Bar, Kristian was a solicitor advocate for 6 years on both the Northern and North Eastern Circuit and was called to the Bar in 2007.

Since joining the Bar, Kristian has been involved in cases of significant complexity. He prosecutes and defends in equal measure, and has extensive experience in the following criminal matters:

- Homicide and serious violence
- Drug trafficking and organised crime
- Fraud and money laundering
- Health and safety offences

He is a Level 2 prosecutor and on the HSE's approved list of specialist regulatory advocates (List C).

Kristian's background as a solicitor advocate provides him with a unique understanding of the solicitor's role in any case and the importance of forming strong working relationships at an early stage. His mature and sensical approach, accompanied with his in-depth knowledge of criminal proceedings extends far beyond his year of call.

Criminal Cases

Homicide and serious violence

Operation Hatton – R v JT – Preston Crown Court, February 2020 (Led Junior) Defence of man charged with murder of his friend following a fight outside a pub in Haslingden.

R v JG – Oxford Crown Court, February 2019 (Led Junior) Defence of prisoner charged with attempting to murder fellow inmate within the Close Supervision Centre (designed to house the most dangerous prisoners in the country) at HMP Woodhill using homemade weapons. Case tried before Mrs Justice Moulder.

R v JP – Sheffield Crown Court, July 2018- Attempted Murder. Defence of man charged with attempting to murder ex-partner. Of note, the Defendant had a previous conviction for attempting to murder a previous partner in 2004. Consideration needed of the application of section 224A of the Criminal Justice Act 2003.

R v CT – Bradford Crown Court, April 2018 – Section 18 GBH. Defence of father charged with causing Grievous Bodily Harm to his daughter by shaking and forceful feeding.

Drug trafficking and organised crime

Operation Tigris – R v BT and others – Preston Crown Court, September – December 2019 (Led Junior) Defence of First Defendant on an 18-count indictment alleging drug supply, people trafficking and rape. Defendant BT labelled the head of the organised crime group.

Operation Eldercastle – R v MD and others – Leeds Crown Court, January 2020 (Led Junior). Prosecution of defendants in relation to supply of controlled drugs from West Yorkshire to others within the county, Scarborough, Hull and Blackpool. Consideration of how evidence, including mobile phone contact between the accused and seizure of items on different dates and different locations linked the Defendants to the conspiracies alleged.

Fraud and money laundering

Operation Comfort – R v KC and 10 others – Nottingham Crown Court, March – July 2019 (Led Junior) Defence of company secretary in respect of allegations of multi-faceted fraudulent trading, conspiracy to commit fraud and money laundering.