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Year of Silk: 1989
Practice Areas: Crime,
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Profile

Appointments

Recorder, Member of Presidency, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists 15/02/93. Admitted to the New York State Bar 1985.

Jonathan Goldberg specialises in all aspects of criminal law.

A highly polished and versatile trial advocate whose skills with witnesses were originally honed in the criminal courts. He has branched out widely in Silk and now undertakes a very wide range of civil cases leading specialist juniors. He has had notable successes in the High Court in Commercial and Chancery cases where there are factual disputes demanding his famously strong cross-examination and ability with live witnesses.

Recent examples from an unparalleled collection of high profile cases include an allegedly forged will for millions of pounds, a disputed oral contract between a West End theatre and a producer over the play "Women in Black", and acting for a main board director of a major European Bank who successfully sued that bank for breach of contract damages of millions of pounds in the Commercial Court.

In the criminal courts he has defended many of the most high profile jury trials of the past 35 years. Examples include Roger Levitt (white collar fraud), the Brinks Mat series of trials, R v Rosenthal (The Stamford Hill child sex abuse case involving Hasidic Jews), R v Laming (The Sonic Binoculars horse nobbling case), Charlie Kray (last of the Kray brothers), R v Siggs (Sussex Police officers who shot dead a naked unarmed drugs dealer), R v 'Mark and John' (The boy who solicited his own murder through an internet chatroom).

He successfully defended Nicholas Jeffries, the Civil Engineer of Balfour Beatty acquitted in 2006 of manslaughter and Health and Safety charges arising from the Hatfield Rail Disaster.

He recently defended Thames Valley Police against a major civil damages suit for assault and false imprisonment, and he prosecuted 2 corrupt detectives before the Police Disciplinary Appeals Tribunal acting for the Metropolitan Police Commissioner in a long running saga leading to their dismissal.

He was flown out by Asil Nadir to advise him in Northern Cyprus. Appeared in House of Lords in the landmark Human Rights case of R v Goldstein (2006) redefining the common law offence of public nuisance. Frequently appears in The Privy Council. He is qualified and practises occasionally at the New York Bar and he has advised and appeared in Bermuda, The Caymans, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Ireland, Singapore and Gibraltar.

He is experienced in defending barristers, solicitors, doctors, opticians, accountants and police officers in internal disciplinary and regulatory proceedings. Numerous extradition cases and inquests. Named Lawyer of the week by the Times in May 2006 for his success in the Eleonora Suhoviy immigration case.

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