

Year of Call: 1990

Practice Areas: Crime, Family,

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Profile

Before being called to the Bar in 1990, I worked as a social worker dealing primarily with complex child care cases, young offenders and persons with mental illness. This work involved preparing and dealing with cases in the Courts.

Since 1990 I have represented clients in the Crown Court and Court of Appeal, including offences of Murder and cases of serious violence, Fraud, sexual offences - including allegations of "historic" sexual abuse and "grooming" cases, blackmail, kidnapping amongst others.

I have also appeared in the Family courts including the High Court, including representing the Local Authority and parents in Care Order cases, private law residence and contact cases, including those where there is an international element and also representing parties in ancillary relief matters.

Notable Cases

R v Livesey - Murder allegation including issues of causation, joint enterprise, abuse of process amongst others

R v Redburn - Conspiracy to import Class A drugs - wide ranging conspiracy to import drugs worth multiple-millions overland from Asia, through Europe. I was leading Counsel and secured an acquittal at the end of the prosecution case.

R v Tideswell - Allegations of fraudulent dealing where luxury cars were subject of bogus purchase agreements amounting to hundreds of thousands of pounds. After intense investigation of the evidence and presentation of a detailed defence case statement, the Crown offered no evidence shortly before trial.

R v Miller - representation of one of the country's "whole life tariff" killers for offences committed whilst he was a serving prisoner - involving complex issues, including mental capacity

R v Keane - representation of defendant in Manchester's first "cold case" review, involving abduction and sexual offences

