

Mark Rhind KC

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Appointments

Recorder (2009)

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers

Criminal

Mark was called to the Bar in 1989 starting off his professional career working for a commercial firm of Solicitors in London. He now specialises in criminal work acting for both the prosecution and defence.

His main areas of practice include:

- Fraud (including carousel and e-bay)
- Money laundering
- Confiscation and asset recovery
- Homicide
- Large gangland conspiracies
- Armed robbery
- Drugs conspiracies

Over recent years he has been involved in many serious and high profile cases as leading or led junior or as junior alone and is regularly involved in cases prosecuted by the SFO and RCPO.

He is certified as a “leading advocate” for the VHCC panel.

Mark is also a Category 4 Prosecutor and is certified to prosecute offences of rape and other serious sexual offences.

Criminal Cases

R v W – acting for the managing director of a aftermarket vehicle parts manufacturer prosecuted by the DfT after two long running investigations and judicial reviews brought by commercial competitors. After multiple applications all defendants were acquitted on the direction of the Court and substantial costs were secured.

R v S – defending a case brought by the national ‘Scambusters’ Trading Standards team relating to the prosecution of a holder a multi national franchise.

R v M – defendant was alleged to be the ‘go to’ solicitor for an organised crime group and conducted conveyancing for 100s of properties over many years before moving to work for an accountancy practice which laundered money through a licensed loan company. Money laundering and regulatory offences were alleged, 12 of 15 counts were dismissed after legal argument.

R v Jacob Harrison – multi handed gangland conspiracy to murder trial relating to a feud between two organised crime groups.

R v Byrne & others – leading Junior prosecuting a 7 handed cannabis importation conspiracy involving up to £32m of cannabis being imported from Spain in containers of fruit and vegetables.

R v Michael and Others – leading junior defending a director of an insulation company in a Trading Standards prosecution brought by the national ‘Scambusters’ team, all regulatory offences dismissed after legal submissions, all defendant acquitted on all counts.

R v D – leading junior defending in the multi million pound Vance Miller kitchen fraud conspiracy brought by the national ‘Scambusters’ Trading Standards team.

R v Bennetta & others (Operation Gurvey) – leading Junior on an identity, long firm and mandate fraud.

R v Randles & others (Operation Galleon) – high cost case, multi-million-pound publishing fraud selling advertising space in multiple magazines and publications aimed at the emergency services.

R v O’Neill & others (Operation Savate) – high cost case, multi-million pound construction industry tax fraud based around the special tax rules used for construction industry sub-contractors.

R v Campbell & others (Operation Valgus) – leading Junior – £25m mortgage fraud

R v Ferguson – instructed in an £11m MTIC fraud transferring digital data leads by jurisdiction.

R v People & others (Operation Compost) – leading Junior in a cross-jurisdictional red diesel fraud.

R v Mirza & others (Operation Slyness) – complex carousel fraud involving former employee of HMRC.

R v Flannagan – fraud prosecuted by the Environment Agency involving acceptance and disposal of waste without permits.

R v Tinsley & others (Operation Nanobot) – theft of £1.25m from the Department of Environment and Rural Affairs which was laundered in gold bullion transactions to facilitate a carousel fraud.

R v Baldeep Takhar (Operation Instalbox) – multi-million pound high cost case, VAT and duty evasion fraud centred around the drinks industry.

R v Southern (“Operation Cambist”) – leading junior for the principle defendant in a £25 million duty evasion.

R v Green (“Atoriana II”) – SFO company asset stripping fraud.

R v Taylor (“Operation Greengage”) – 28-handed multi agency cross-border case involving firearms and drugs importation from Eastern Europe through Amsterdam into the UK.

R v Ogden & Birchall – the first prosecution in the North West relating solely to money laundering allegations under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

R v McColl – gangland double murder contract killing.

R v Dott – murder involving entomological evidence which was used to accurately date the time of death by reference to the developmental state of various insect pupae.

R v Shaw & others – multi-million pound cocaine importation conspiracy Mark was involved in the Strangeways Riot case and the Oldham and Burnley race riots.

Recommendations

“He is highly professional, an exceptionally good lawyer equally adept in written and oral work. He is an effective and fearless advocate who advances his client’s case to the absolute maximum. If I was ever in trouble I’d want him to act for me!”

The Legal 500 2024

“Mark is a real fighter. He has made a seamless transition from an excellent senior barrister to an accomplished KC. He is equally at home with murders and other serious crime, and also serious fraud. He has achieved some unbelievable results; he really does prepare well and is patient and empathetic with clients, whilst retaining a highly professional approach. He is rated extremely highly and instructing solicitors do not hesitate to instruct him in any case, however serious or complex.”

The Legal 500 2023

Ranked Tier 1, Crime (General and Fraud)

The Legal 500 2022

“He is forthright and realistic which client and solicitors really do appreciate, yet at the same time he instills confidence and really fights for his clients.”

The Legal 500 2021

“I have briefed Mark Rhind on numerous occasions and in particular on a number on complex regulatory matters. These have included defending complex and lengthy prosecutions brought by the Environment Agency amongst others. I also brief Mark in respect of professional discipline matters, particularly medical professionals such as hearings before the NMC. His advocacy style is outstanding and invariably persuasive. Feed-back from clients is always exceptional and as such I have no hesitation in recommending him to our clients.”

**Rachel Adamson, Partner, Fraud and Regulatory Department,
Stephenson’s Solicitors**

“Mark is an excellent barrister who can be relied upon to provide a top class service to clients. He attends hearings thoroughly prepared and gets outstanding results. I am happy to recommend him for regulatory and professional disciplinary work.”

**Marie Dancer, Partner, Healthcare Regulatory work, Richard Nelson
Solicitors**

Beyond the Bar

Mark is computer literate; married with 3 children and in his spare time enjoys football (watching and playing badly) and running.