

Mr Tim Starkey

Call: 2002

Tim has a wide-ranging criminal practice, both prosecuting and defending. Tim is a level 3 prosecutor and on the RASSO list, regularly prosecuting rape trials. Hi experience of prosecuting sexual offences encompasses numerous historic allegations, cases involving young children and intermediaries and multiple defendants. Tim is particularly interested in prosecuting cases involving contested expert evidence and has experience of questioning, amongst others, psychiatrists, forensic scientists, neuro surgeons, paediatricians and an expert in Nigerian customary adoption. Tim has also successfully prosecuted a number of high profile cases involving children being trafficked from West Africa into the United Kingdom as well as several multi-handed fraud cases.

Tim has successfully defended in a wide range of criminal proceedings, notably in cases involving allegations of rape, fraud and serious violence. Tim also has extensive experience of immigration offences and abuse of process arguments in relation to the prosecution of defendant's who are themselves the victims of human trafficking (a subject on which he has given a CPD accredited seminar). In his defence work, previous experience of working as a police station representative has given Tim a keen understanding of the need for good client care from the start to finish of proceedings. Tim's calm, persuasive manner has secured numerous acquittals, often very much against the odds!

Tim has a growing extradition practice with experience of cases involving arguments based on proportionality, passage of time, right to a re-trial, the requested person's severe health problems and breaches of human rights in relation to prison conditions and family life.

Crime

Tim specialises in cases involving rape and other serious sexual offences including gang rape, offences committed against young children, case with psychiatric issues and historic allegations. He has also prosecuted and defended in trials of complicated multi-handed frauds, drug importations and conspiracy to supply drugs, armed robbery, aggravated burglary, firearms, human trafficking and other immigration offences and child cruelty. He has successfully appeared in the Court of Appeal on numerous occasions both in relation to appeals against conviction and sentence.

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Tim accepts instructions under direct public access and also has considerable experience of representing clients at Parole Board hearings.

Notable Cases

Prosecution Practice

Grade 3 and RASSO list.

Human Trafficking and Immigration offences including:

R v Peace Sandberg (2008), trafficking of baby for purposes of obtaining benefits

R v Adeniji and Roachford (2011) and R v Ojo and Ojo (2012), both concerned with trafficking of Nigerian children into domestic servitude in London.

Examples of sex cases include:

R v McIntyre (2013), sexual assault on 7 year old girl by uncle.

R v Stephanos Lambrou (2014), historic rape allegation relating to when complainant 4 years old

R v Tshibusu (2015), multiple historic rape allegations when complainant was 5-7 years old. Not disclosed until many years later as the defendant a respected figure in the church and community. Extensive disclosure of social service, medical and educational records.

R v Vasev and Nikolov (2016) allegation concerning rape of woman by two flat mates. Clash of expert evidence in relation to the interpretation of findings of semen and blood stain patterns.

R v Awal and others (2016) four handed rape and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice

R v Tackie (2016) rape and indecent assault allegations dating back to 1970s when the complainant was 12 years old.

R v Mian (2017) voyeurism, severely disabled defendant who hid cameras in his flat to film his carers over a number of years

Examples of other cases include:

R v Champney and Dixon (2008), S18 GBH, expert evidence on causation of brain injuries

R v Halliday (2013) series of mortgage Fraud and false representations spanning a 20 year period

R v Yasin and others (2014) 3 handed aggravated burglary and firearms offences involving extensive cell site analysis evidence.

R v Kithinji and others (2016) successful prosecution of a four handed fraud involving fraudulent use of company credit cards and subsequent laundering of the proceeds of crime.

R v Fitt (2017) successful prosecution of defendant who duped a large number of victims into investing considerable sums of money into a company purporting to deal with hostage and rescue situations in Somalia. Extensive disclosure exercise.

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Defence Practice

Examples of cases include:

R v Sentamu (2011) 9 handed conspiracy to defraud

R v O (2012) rape, defence of insanity

R v Zaman (2014) assault by penetration, allegations against driving instructor of drugging and assaulting pupil. Expert psychiatric evidence in relation to credibility of complainant's evidence.

R v Jordan (2014) multiple allegations of historic child rape

R v Anacha (2015) allegation of gang rape

R v Moldovan (2015) 10 handed money laundering conspiracy

R v Ingassalo (2016) multiple allegations of rape and sexual assault

R v Douglas (2016) 6 handed trial for robbery

R v Kazi and ors (2018) 11 handed trial with 130,000 pages of evidence. Allegations of violent disorder and conspiracy to commit GBH. Extensive legal argument over ability of particular officers to give expert evidence on gangs as well as considerable argument on the admissibility of certain gang material.

R v Pearce and ors (2018) currently representing father in trial where both parents are accused of facilitating the sexual exploitation of their daughter.

Teaching and Advocacy Training

BPP Law School, 2004 - 2007 taught advocacy, negotiation skills and conference skills, part time on the Bar Vocational Course

Middle Temple Advocacy Trainer: 2006 to present

Seminars delivered: as hosted by chambers on CPS policy on non-prosecution of victims of trafficking and to a forum convened by Anti-Slavery International on prosecuting human trafficking.

Pupil Supervisor

I am registered as a pupil supervisor and have acted in this capacity for two pupils at Great James Street Chambers

Languages

Greek: fluent

French: advanced

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