

Paul Edwards

Call 2004 – Gray's Inn

Areas of law

- Crime
- Regulatory
- Extradition

Crime

Paul is an experienced and effective prosecution and defence advocate with an eye for detail. Paul specialises in cases involving grave and serious violence, conspiracy to supply drugs, conspiracy to defraud, modern day slavery, rape and sexual offences.

Paul's analytical abilities allow him to dissect large amounts of information such as banking information, telephone, and cell site data very effectively. Coupled with his meticulous and methodical case preparation allows Paul to explain and present complex legal issues to client's and juries alike. This enables clients to have steadfast belief in his ability to defend and prosecute matters to the best of his ability.

Paul's approachable nature and friendly demeanour installs confidence in solicitors that he will cultivate a good working relationship with clients. This has led to Paul being instructed to represent defendants' who suffer with psychological, and psychiatric issues and other vulnerabilities.

In court Paul's initiation allows him to construct and ask questions of witnesses that has the maximum impact for his case. Paul adopts a common-sense approach whether he is cross examining a witness or addressing a judge or jury.

Paul is a grade 3 prosecutor on the CPS general crime list and a member of the RASSO (Rape and Serious Sexual Offences) panel.

Paul's written work and, in particular, his drafting of pre charge, post charge representations and grounds of appeal, have achieved outstanding results for his clients. Paul has provided written advices to a number of clients ranging from individuals convicted of crimes in the United Kingdom and overseas, to citizens of foreign countries who have various causes of action against their respective governments.

Regulatory

Paul has a varied regulatory practice. He represents clients and regulatory bodies in misconduct matters and appeals. This includes represent the appellant in taxi licensing hearings. Paul has previously represented a non-practicing barrister in a disciplinary hearing held by the Bar Standards Boards. He has also represented clients faced with food Health and Safety breaches and licensing matters.

Paul has experience of public inquiries, after he spent a year as part of the legal team to the main person of interest in the Turks and Caicos Islands Commission of Inquiry into governmental corruption and ministerial dishonesty.

Notable Cases

R v RK (2024), prosecuted RK, who was a Lithuanian lorry driver who was stopped at the port of Dover with 30 kilograms of cocaine with a street value of £2.4 million hidden in his lorry.

R v JI & Others (2024), represented JI in a 5 week trial at Inner London CC, who was accused with 3 others of instigating an advanced courier fraud against old age pensioners by pretending to be police officers and convincing the complainants to withdraw their savings in cash from their bank accounts and hand the money over to a courier

R v TW & Others (2023) represented TW who was charged with 'modern slavery' and possession with intent to supply crack cocaine and heroin. The crown alleged TW housed two children under the age of 16, who were recruited and transported from the Midlands to sell drugs to users in Buckinghamshire.

R v M & Others (2022), prosecuted a 5-man affray where the defendants were fighting in a residential street in North London with machetes.

R v ID-B 9 (2022), represented ID-B who was charged with 2 counts of rape and 2 counts of assault against his wife.

R v RP (2022), prosecuted RP, who was charge fraudulent evasion of a prohibition. RP was a lorry driver who transported 32kg of cocaine through the Port of Dover. The street value of the cocaine was £2.5 million.

R v TH & Others (2021), represented TH who along with 5 others committed a targeted knife point robbery against an alleged drug dealer.

R v MM & Other (2021), represented MM who is a nurse who had been charged with obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception and entering into or becoming concerned in a money laundering arrangement.

The prosecution alleged that the defendant allowed her sister-in-law who had visitor's visa that allowed her to be in the UK, but did not allow her to seek employment, to use her identification documents to gain employment with the

NHS, where she worked for 11 years. The prosecution further alleged that MM knowingly allowed her sister-in-law to use her bank account to receive the salary from the NHS.

R v SI (2018), represented SI, who was a serving prisoner charged with section 18 and section 20, stemming from a fight he had in prison. During the fight with another prisoner, SI bite the right ear off the complainant.

R v RD (2018), represented RD, who was charged with 12 counts of rape. It was the Crown's case that RD carried out a campaign of rape and serious sexual assault of his stepdaughter when she was between the ages of 9-12 years old.

R v OV (2018), represented OV, a Hungarian national who was stopped at Gatwick airport after returning to the UK from Aruba with 4 kilograms of cocaine which had a street value £312,320.

R v JMcC (2017), represented JMcC, who is an IPP prisoner who was released on licence and alleged to have committed an armed robbery, whilst on licence.

London Borough of Brent v MN & Other (2016), represented MN who was charged along side his wife with 3 counts of fraud by false representation. It was alleged that MN and his wife falsely submitted housing applications stating they were homeless and obtained housing what they were not entitled to. The prosecution alleged that MN and his wife benefitted to over £40,000 in varies benefits they were not entitled to.