



YEAR OF BIRTH	1965
YEAR OF CALL	1988
INN	Gray's Inn
CIRCUIT	South Eastern
RECORDER	2003
QC	2008

## PROFILE

Cited in *The Legal 500* as having “a phenomenal court presence” and also in *Chambers and Partners Guide* he is widely recognised as a Queen’s Counsel of choice in Criminal Law. Unusually his practice is spread both between serious crime and ‘white collar’ fraud.

In two years in ‘silk’ he has been instructed in excess of ten cases of murder. Recent cases include representing the first defendant in what became known as the massacre of Bishops’ Stortford, a triple killing. At the conclusion of the same he prosecuted the notorious ‘Chandler’s Ford Robberies’ culminating in the shooting dead of two of those involved.

He has just successfully completed an ‘IRA’ trial at Southwark Crown Court representing the first defendant.

He is often instructed privately recently representing a leading Horse Trainer and Formula One Racing driver.

In trials as silk he has recorded a success rate of 80%.

## NOTABLE CASES

Case name: *R v Ketheesvaran and others*  
Appearance: QC for Defence  
Description: The defendant was one of a number of defendants charged with an alleged fraud and a linked Kidnap. The gang were said to have defrauded credit card companies to the tune of £30 million. After the defence submissions the Crown were compelled to offer no evidence.

Case Name: *R v Thakrar and Oths*  
Appearance: QC for Defence (Leader)  
Description: 20 year old charged with the murder of three and the attempted murder of two others. Following a drugs transaction the defendant was said to have called a meeting to which all five victims were invited. He was said to have discharged in excess of 20 rounds of machine gun fire. The case lasted 8 weeks at St Albans Crown Court in front of Cooke J.

Case Name: *R v Beaumont*  
Appearance: QC for Defence (Leader)  
Description: Mr. Beaumont was charged with murder. The matter concerned the death of a juvenile inflicted by a broken champagne bottle.

Case Name: *R v Wallace and others*  
Appearance: Prosecution QC  
Description: Wallace and 8 others were charged with conspiracy to rob. The allegation concerned in excess of 40 bank robberies. The plan culminated in 'Chandler's Ford' when two of the gun men were shot dead during the course of their attack.

Case Name: *R v Mullen and others*  
Appearance: Queen's Counsel for Defence (Leader).  
Description: Three men were charged with Conspiracy to commit blackmail. Two of three had a history of republican activism back in the 1980's. The prosecution alleged a plot to use their 'status' in order to extort funds.

Case Name: *R v Kieran Fallon, Darren Williams and Oths*  
Appearance: Defence (Led Junior; Leader: James Sturman QC)  
Description: Darren Williams was said to be party to a conspiracy to defraud by 'fixing' horse races. He was one of three jockeys charged with the offence. The learned judge ruled that there was no case to answer at the close for the prosecution case.

Case Name: *R v Lord Rodley and others*  
Appearance: QC for Defence  
Description: Case concerns the attempt by an organized group to defraud a central London Bank of £300 million.

Case Name: *R v Boreland and Oths*  
Appearance: Defence (Leader)  
Description: 15 year old charged with murder. He was alleged to be a member of a notorious Hackney gang who had jointly attacked the deceased with knives. The case lasted 8 weeks at the Central Criminal Court. The Defendant was acquitted of the offence of Murder.

Case Name: *R v Harris and Oths*  
Appearance: Defence (Leader)  
Description: Mr. Harris was charged with attempted murder, by shooting. The matter concerned rival Jamaican gangs locked in dispute over the sale of drugs. Mr. Harris was acquitted following a three week trial.

Case Name: *R v Harold Richardson*  
Appearance: Defence (Led Junior; Leader: Anthony Arlidge QC)  
Description: Harold Richardson was jointly charged with two others with the murder of a business associate. The case, described as a contract killing, drew national interest due to its alleged link with the 'Brinks Matt' robbery. In due course, at the conclusion of the 12 week trial, Mr Richardson was acquitted his co-defendants being convicted.

Case Name: *R v Suchodolskis and (9) Oths*  
Appearance: Prosecution (Leader)  
Description: Ten men were charged over their involvement with people trafficking. This particular gang, comprised of Lithuanian and Chinese nationals, were concerned in the buying and selling of teenage girls for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The case resolved by way of pleas; a total of 60 year imprisonment followed.