



YEAR OF BIRTH	1962
YEAR OF CALL	1987
INN	Gray's Inn
CIRCUIT	South Eastern
APPOINTMENTS	2002: Recorder 2010: Queen's Counsel
MEMBERSHIPS	1990-1994: Member General Council of the Bar 1994: Chairman, Young Barristers Committee 1995-1996: Junior, South Eastern Circuit 1999-2001: Member General Council of the Bar 2000-2002: Secretary, Criminal Bar Association 2002-2003: Vice-Chairman, Legal Services Committee 2003-2004: Vice-Chairman, Public Affairs Committee 2003-2004: Member General Management Committee of the Bar Council

PROFILE

For many years prior to taking 'Silk' in 2010 Brian O'Neill was recommended in both *Chambers and Partners Guide* and *The Legal 500* as one of the leading juniors at the Criminal Bar.

As a junior he was consistently instructed as the lead advocate both to defend and to prosecute in serious and organised crime (murder, armed robbery, drugs and firearms) and major fraud; being regularly briefed in such cases by leading London solicitors, CPS Special Casework, CPS Homicide Unit and the Fraud Prosecution Service.

He is particularly sought after in 'paper heavy' and substantial multi-handed cases where his exceptional diligence, analytical skills and attention to detail are especially required.

He has also been instructed to represent "celebrity clients" including a number of Premiership footballers.

In addition he undertakes professional discipline and regulatory cases before the General Medical Council, the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, the Accountancy & Actuarial Discipline Board and the PhonepayPlus Tribunal.

He has represented the Criminal Bar over a number of years as a member of the Bar Council and has previously served as Secretary of the Criminal Bar Association.

NOTABLE CASES

Case Name: *R v Yfeko*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Murder
Description: Y and a number of others are accused of the murder of another man following a dispute at a house party. The case is listed for trial on 4th October 2010.

Case Name: *R v Johnson and others*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Robbery
Description: The defendants (of whom there are 29) are members of a gang which carried out more than thirty robberies of jewellers throughout England stealing several millions of pounds worth of watches and other items. The defendants are due to stand their trials in June and November 2010.

Case Name: *R v D'Mello*
Appearance: Defence: Leading Junior
Category: Murder
Description: D and a number of others were accused of the murder of another man following a dispute over D allegedly selling drugs to local children. D was acquitted after an eight week trial.

Case Name: *R v Griffiths*
Appearance: Defence: Leading Junior
Category: Murder
Description: G and a number of others were accused of the murder of a Jamaican drug dealer following a dispute over a cocaine deal that had gone wrong. It was alleged that the defendants had shot the deceased and then burnt his body in an attempt to conceal the crime. G advanced a "cut-throat" defence and was acquitted.

Case Name: *R v Shosanyaya*
Appearance: Defence: Leading Junior
Category: Murder
Description: S was accused of the murder of a French student, on holiday in London, outside a Soho nightclub.

Case Name: *R v Pitayatanakul and others*
Appearance: Prosecution: Leading Junior
Category: Trafficking for the purposes of prostitution
Description: The defendants (there were 10 of them) were accused of trafficking women for the purposes of controlling prostitution. The gang (all Thai) operated under the guise of a major London “escort agency”. Following lengthy negotiations and discussions all of the defendants pleaded guilty.

Case Name: *R v Dixon and others*
Appearance: Prosecution: Leading Junior
Category: Armed Robbery
Description: The defendants were members of a gang which carried out more than twenty armed robberies of cash in transit custodians in London and South East England. On more than one occasion shots were fired and security staff were injured. Shortly before their trial the defendants pleaded guilty.

Case Name: *R v Sacks*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Insurance fraud
Description: S was one of the country’s leading cancer surgeons. It was alleged that he had defrauded private health insurers by submitting hundreds of bills over a number of years claiming for surgical procedures which had not been carried out.

Case Name: *R v Al Fadhly and others*
Appearance: Prosecution: Leading Junior
Category: Insurance fraud
Detail: The defendants (of whom there were 10) were a group of fraudsters who staged and invented a series of motor vehicle accidents in order to make false claims from the insurance industry for loss, damage and personal injury arising therefrom. Confiscation proceedings remain outstanding.

Case Name: *R v Jones*
Appearance: Defence: Leading Junior
Category: VAT fraud
Detail: Loss to Revenue of at least £25million in a “missing trader” fraud relating to the purchase and sale of mobile telephones.

Case Name: *R v Roberts*
Appearance: Defence: Leading Junior
Category: Money Laundering
Detail: Laundering of proceeds from a mortgage fraud and the Cheney Pension Fund fraud. Indictment stayed following submissions on duality of prosecution, delay and non-disclosure.

Case Name: *R v Doran*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Money laundering
Detail: Police "sting" and undercover operation in UK and Gibraltar. Millions of £s sent via bureaux de changes in London. Police tactics ruled illegal after months of legal argument, indictment stayed as a consequence

Case Name: *R v Quinn*
Appearance: Defence
Description: Premiership footballer charged with assault following altercation with fans from rival club.

Case Name: *R v Bowyer*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Public Order
Description: Ground breaking prosecution of Premiership footballer charged with criminal offence following brawl with teammate during match

Case Name: *R v McGlynn*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Drugs
Description: Prosecution of Bay City Rollers guitarist, Patrick McGlynn, in major cocaine trial

Case Name: *R v Milroy-Sloane*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Perverting the course of justice
Detail: Woman who accused Neil and Christine Hamilton and others of raping her

Case Name: *R v Johnstone*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Trademarks
Detail: House of Lords' decision on statutory interpretation of criminal provisions of Trademarks Act 1994