



YEAR OF CALL            1988  
INN                        Inner Temple  
CIRCUIT                 South Eastern

#### AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct  
Member of the British Academy of Forensic  
Science

#### PROFILE

A leading criminal practitioner with an academic and teaching background; an extensive leading practice, prosecuting as well as defending.

Classified as a grade 4 prosecutor and a specialist prosecutor in rape and child abuse cases, he has been recognised for many years by *Chambers and Partners Guide* as a leader in his field, currently cited as a "spiky advocate with a good knowledge of disclosure" and who is "very client friendly".

In recent years his leading work includes the prosecution of multi-handed organised crime cases which includes armed robbery, kidnap, international human trafficking and drugs importations, serious fraud, historic child abuse, SOCA and Operation Trident cases. He has also been involved in high profile murder cases and advised police authorities on difficult policy and procedural issues at a high level.

His recent defence caseload also involves organised crime and drugs related work, sexual offences, international human trafficking and fraud. He also has considerable experience in murder cases (domestic and "contract killing") and has been commended by the Court of Appeal for the handling of an appeal of a particularly sensitive case.

He has, as a result, particular expertise in all types of disclosure issues, organised crime and intelligence operations, foreign jurisdictional matters, informant handling, forensic science, (particularly DNA and firearms cases) as well as the presentation and analysis of telephone evidence, cell site and computer evidence.

## NOTABLE CASES

- Case Name: *R v Talbot and others*  
Appearance: Prosecution (Leader)  
Description: Known as the 'Reservoir Dogs Gang Case' - a case which received National Press and TV interest: an organised gang of 6 men involved in night time robberies of large country houses of prominent personnel whereby the occupants were attacked in their beds, tied up and threatened with rape, torture and mutilation to reveal the combination of safes and the whereabouts of other high value property.
- Case Name: *R v Young and others*  
Appearance: Prosecution (Leader)  
Description: Team of 20 persons involved in the commission of over 100 robberies of post offices and travel agents throughout London and the Home Counties in which young women were used as getaway drivers for male robbers.
- Case Name: *R v Diop and others*  
Appearance: Prosecution (Leader)  
Description: Flying Squad prosecution of a professional team of 5 robbers who sought to rob a warehouse of up to £24m worth of computer equipment. Case received national press and TV coverage.
- Case Name: *R v Amit Patel and others*  
Appearance: Defence (Leader)  
Description: Case involving 11 defendants; a sophisticated illegal immigration case involving stolen and forged UK passports whereby a large number of persons were smuggled into the USA from Asia via the UK.
- Case Name: *R v Roads and Boyle (Central Criminal Court)*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Conspiracy to murder  
Detail: Contract murder case involving gangland figures, former IRA (INLA) member and also police informants.
- Case Name: *R v Alibhi and others (Reading Crown Court)*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Serious fraud  
Detail: International fraud case relating to Microsoft software and alleged breaches of copyright. Leading brief.
- Case Name: *R v Semper (Central Criminal Court)*  
Appearance: Defence  
Category: Sexual offences  
Detail: Rape case – now sentencing (AG reference) guideline case re life sentences for serial rapists.

Case Name: *R v Honeygon and others (Central Criminal Court)*  
*(Edmonton 'McDonalds' Murder)*

Appearance: Defence

Category: Murder

Detail: Murder of young boy by others of same age in  
McDonalds in Edmonton. Guideline case re ID evidence,  
hostile witnesses and use of person as a witness when  
initially treated as an informant.

*2010 will see further very high profile prosecutions but also involvement in  
defence work.*