



YEAR OF BIRTH	1978
YEAR OF CALL	2001
INN	Inner Temple
CIRCUIT	South Eastern

PROFILE

Instructed in some of the most high profile trials of the past several years including R v Martin (the New Year's eve shootings of Leticia Shakespeare and Charlene Ellis) and R v McGing (the manslaughter of detainees in Iraq by British Servicemen), he has become the premier choice for solicitors in cases that demand thorough and complex analysis, sensitive client care and robust advocacy.

He is regularly instructed to defend cases as first junior in large-scale multi-handed fraud and murder and has also acted as sole defence counsel in matters of serious violence (including attempted murder) and, most commonly, on behalf of defendants accused of high-value money laundering offences.

Last year Robert co-authored the first edition of the Solicitors' Handbook on Money Laundering (*Buckles LLP 2007*) and has been invited to give accredited lectures on this topic and other areas of financial crime across the country.

In 2005 he was invited by the ESU to tour Sierra Leone and has subsequently been instructed to advise clients in cases involving war crimes and general abuses of human rights.

NOTABLE CASES

Case Name:	<i>R v Tesfamichael</i>
Appearance:	Defence – Led Junior
Description:	Murder at a night club in the heart of the City of London. The murder was carried out by members of an organised criminal gang. It was one of the largest investigations the City of London police had ever been involved in and required the extradition of Mr Tesfamichael from the USA. This was the first case in which the prosecution sought to call witnesses under the auspices of the Witness Anonymity Act 2008. Following submissions the prosecution abandoned a significant number of their anonymity applications.

Case Name: *R v Selby & Others*
Appearance: Defence – Junior
Description: Confiscation proceedings arising out of one the largest pension frauds in the UK. The case itself resulted in questions in parliament and a Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry. Preparation of the confiscation case involved analysis of over 1 million pages of material from this country and other jurisdictions. The case itself took well over a year to prepare resulting in lengthy and complex submissions on the defendant's behalf. Following on from this, the confiscation order was only ten per cent of the total sum sought by the Crown.

Case Name: *R v Bradley*
Appearance: Defence – Led Junior
Description: Brutal Murder of a mother of three small children (Lucy Hargreaves) at her home by an organised gang carrying out an alleged revenge attack. The case attracted a high level of national interest. The allegations aimed at Mr Bradley centred, in significant part, on hearsay evidence and telephone cell site analysis placing him at or near the scene of the shooting at the time of the murder. A significant portion of the telephone material was either excluded or neutralised following extensive cross examination by junior counsel of the Crown's expert - This culminated in a successful half time submission.

Case Name: *R v Hamilton*
Appearance: Defence – Single Advocate
Description: Attempted murder of a vulnerable victim with a hammer at a bus stop in broad day light. The victim sustained permanent brain damage as a result of the attack. Following extensive and highly sensitive cross examination by way of video link the jury found that the defendant had not intended to kill the victim.

Case Name: *R v Urbano*
Appearance: Defence – Single Advocate
Description: Abuse of process argument arising out of an attempt by the Crown to reassess the assets confiscated (under the Proceeds of Crime Act) from the defendant following his conviction and subsequent confiscation order: This was one of the first attempts by the Crown to use POCA to correct a mistaken calculation: Following submissions the Judge stayed the proceedings and the prevented the Crown from obtaining any further property from the defendant.