



## Andrew Turton

*Year of Call: 1977*



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### Country-wide practice in all serious crime including sexual offences, drugs offences and fraud.

Completed Vulnerable Witness Facilitator Training and has wide-ranging experience of cases involving vulnerable witnesses and defendants including the very young and elderly with age ranges from 4 years to those in their 80s.

Recent cases have included numerous drug conspiracies, unlawful act manslaughter, kidnap and stranger rape, fraud.

Member: South Eastern Circuit, Criminal Bar Association, Bar Pro Bono Unit.

Languages: French

### General Crime

Wide-ranging experience in all areas including drugs offences, blackmail, kidnapping and serious offences of violence and group disorder.

Reported cases:

- *R v Tibbs* [2000] 2 Cr App R 309 CA: A leading case on Defence Statements.
- *R v Burstow* [1998] AC 147 HL: the non-violent infliction of psychiatric harm by a stalker. This was a ground-breaking case which attracted national interest and saw the introduction of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997. Dealt with all stages of the case from Bracknell MC to the House of Lords.
- *Attorney General's Reference (No 55 of 2008) (R v C)* [2009] 2 Cr App R (S) 22: a leading case on the discretionary use of imprisonment for public protection (of particular interest and relevance to sexual offences).

Other recent cases include:

- *R v T Guildford CC* (2012): Instructed as junior counsel in complex case concerning physical abuse and neglect of children. The Crown alleged that the most serious of the assaults led to a ruptured bowel caused by the defendant jumping on the child's stomach. Other allegations assaults included holding the child's feet to a hot radiator and poking both eyes so that the corneas were scratched. The female defendant was convicted of GBH with intent and child cruelty following a five week trial.

### Sexual Offences

Recent cases include *R v Benjamin* at Bournemouth CC where he was leading counsel in a trial involving 10 complainants and 29 counts, 17 of which were counts of rape, *R v H and Others* at Portsmouth CC a

trial concerning an international paedophile ring and sexual offences against very young children, *R v R*, Winchester CC historical sexual allegations involving arguments as to jurisdiction and various other rape trials. He has acted as leading counsel in cases of serial abuse and sexual offending and in many cases involving vulnerable witnesses and defendants.

### **Organised Crime**

Cases include *R v Beagley and Others*, Reading CC a 6-month case concerning £7.5 million worth of property, *R v Duong and Others*, Snaresbrook CC leading counsel in a “slave trade” case lasting 6 months, *R v Ashcroft and Others*, Croydon CC a case of multiple drug conspiracies in Surrey and the South of England, *R v Green and Others*, Kingston CC leading counsel in organised car ringing and burglary

### **Fraud and Financial Crime**

Fraud cases include *R v Lee and Others* (2006), Southwark CC which concerned the affairs of Boston Football Club and a conspiracy to cheat the revenue where he acted as leading counsel for the club’s accountant who was acquitted after a five-week trial, *R v Diosee and Others* where he was leading counsel in a shipping/banking fraud and *R v Mumford and Others*, Southwark CC an international art fraud. He is also experienced in VAT frauds.

### **Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter**

Cases include *R v Gonzales* (2006), CCC serial killings involving six random victims over a two-day period. Whole life terms imposed on conviction. Defendant described by doctors and staff at Broadmoor as the most difficult and dangerous patient.