



Jonathan Page

Year of Call: 1996



Instructed as junior counsel and as a leading junior counsel in a number of complex cases.

In recent years (2015, 2016 and 2017) Jonathan has represented a number of professionals, including an NHS surgeon charged with money laundering and 2 qualified accountants charged with fraud. All were acquitted of all charges following their respective, lengthy trials. These cases were all paper-heavy and required exceptionally meticulous attention to detail.

In 2017 he was led junior counsel in a honey-trap murder where his client was acquitted of murder and immediately released from custody.

Jonathan has been instructed in terrorist cases. In 2017 he secured acquittals on all charges in a complex and sophisticated fraud investigated extensively by SO15.

He is currently instructed in a large VAT refund fraud (Operation Smitten) which is listed for trial in 2018. He is also instructed in a number of other heavy fraud cases.

Jonathan has extensive experience in the full range of criminal allegations including murder, manslaughter, serious violence, sexual offences and organised crime.

In 2010, Jonathan was appointed to the Disciplinary, Admissions and Appeal Committees of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). In 2012, he was appointed as a chairman to the same Committees. ACCA regulates the behaviour and admission of qualified accountants to this prestigious Association. ACCA has a worldwide membership of over 300,000 trainee and qualified accountants.

In 2016, Jonathan was appointed to the Appeal Committee of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). CIMA has 240,000 members and student members worldwide and regulates the performance, standards and behaviour of management accountants. He now sits on committees for the 2 largest accountancy regulators. He was also appointed to the Taxation Disciplinary Board.

He has a Ph.D in engineering, acquired in 1996. He is a member of the Criminal Bar Association and the Fraud Lawyers Association.

Fraud and Financial Crime

R vs AK – Central Criminal Court – Trial in 2017. The defendant as an NHS surgeon charged with money laundering and fraud. The investigation was conducted by counter-terrorism officers (SO15) because of alleged links to a terrorist funding network. The defendant was one of only 3 to be acquitted of all charges.

R vs DY (Operation Perhaps) - Birmingham - Trial in March 2016. An accountant charged with a conspiracy to fraudulently misrepresent the financial position of a spiritualist leader was the only defendant of 11 to be acquitted. All other defendants received custodial sentences.

R vs TO (Operation Galion) - Liverpool - Trial in September 2015. A telephone salesmen alleged to have conspired to fraudulently sell advertising space in a non-existent magazine. Vast prosecution with 11 defendants, tried over 8 weeks. Crown ultimately offered £2,500 of fraudulent behaviour (down from £1m) and defendant received a community order.

R vs AO- Southwark Crown Court – 2015. Leading junior in confiscation proceedings following allegations of fraud and handling stolen goods. £3.5m benefit figure and available amount reduced to £700,000.

R vs KP (Operation Lift) – Birmingham – Trial in 2015. An accountant accused of being the record keeper in a massive money laundering conspiracy was acquitted following trial, notwithstanding the finding of key documents at his home address.

R vs AL (Operation Calluna) – Southwark – Trial in 2014. A receptionist alleged to have purchased and supplied tobacco tax free using a Diplomatic privilege. Co-defendants included the deputy High Commissioner of The Gambia.

R vs JR – Chester – Trial in 2013. Illegal money lending. Principal defendant alleged to have loaned, without a licence, hundreds of thousands over a 3 year period.

R vs AA (Operation Forbear) – Liverpool – Completed in 2014, instructed in 2011. Represented a company director in a multi-million MTIC carousel fraud conspiracy. Guilty pleas with full credit, coupled with significant time spent on bail with a tag, resulted in a short custodial sentence.

R vs AV (Operation Ghast) – Southwark 2012. Represented a company director in a multi-million Carousel fraud conspiracy. PII was raised by the Crown as a result of disclosure enquiries. Crown ultimately offered no evidence against this defendant. Others convicted.

R vs GP (Operation Dumpcart) – Manchester. A freightforwarder in an MTIC and diversion fraud. Successfully mitigated to receive a low sentence for someone in his position.

R vs KB (Operation Euripus) – Southwark 2010. Represented an alleged exporter in one of the largest MTIC conspiracies ever prosecuted. Only defendant acquitted after trial.

R vs AS – Southwark Crown Court – Leading junior in a money laundering allegation against the wife of a serial fraudster. Following trial and conviction on only minor counts, the defendant was given a suspended prison sentence.

Organised Crime

R vs PH – Liverpool. Head of a drugs ring, responsible for organising the importation of 20 tonnes of class A drugs into the UK from Spain.

R vs OD – 2014. Harrow and St Albans. Conspiracy to burgle domestic properties for the car keys, enabling the theft of expensive top-end cars. The defendant was said to be at the centre of the case.

Homicide

R vs SM - Croydon - Trial in 2016 and re-trial in 2017. Murder. The defendant was accused of luring the deceased to her house so that he could be executed by her new boyfriend. The new boyfriend was

convicted and sentenced to 30 years. The jury rejected the Crown's case and the defendant was acquitted of murder and released from custody.

R vs HM 2014 – Lewes Crown Court – murder prepared for trial, involving lie-in-wait robbery that went tragically wrong. Extensive expert evidence concerning the question of whether the victim was tortured.

R vs HL 2011 – Central criminal Court – 15 year old defendant who “happy-slapped” a grandfather who had just left a mosque with his 7 year-old granddaughter. Crown accepted a plea to manslaughter.

R vs KS – Winchester – Manslaughter within the Polish community in Southampton alleged. Crown not, ultimately, prove causation and offered no evidence on this count.

R vs KS – Central Criminal Court – Murder and ABH. Female defendant acquitted following trial of all counts. The allegation was the result of an argument over a football going into a neighbour's garden and the ensuing fight.

R vs RC – Central Criminal Court – Murder. Blind Peruvian defendant acquitted of all charges, notwithstanding his admission that he had stabbed the victim at least 50 times with a pair of scissors.

R vs KC – Central Criminal Court – Manslaughter, Rape x 3, Administering a noxious substance with intent to Rape. High profile case against a male nurse who was alleged to have administered Midazolam in order to rape his patients. He also administered the same drug to a friend, who subsequently died.

General Crime

R vs TW – Trial 2015 Canterbury Crown Court – Importation of 20kgs of heroin concealed within a BMW. Cell site evidence and billing data was used to track the defendant's journey across Europe.

R vs RB – Trial 2015 Stafford Crown Court – two residential double armed robberies only 10 days apart. Defendant acquitted of one of the robberies.

R vs PW – Guildford Crown Court – defendant charged with sexual offences on his granddaughters. Acquitted after trial.

R vs SN – Winchester Crown Court – defendant charged with a range of recent and historic sexual offences spanning 20 years.