



## William England

*Year of Call: 1991*



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**He has been recommended as a Leading Junior in Crime and as a “leader in his field” in Chambers and Partners directory since 2003 and is recommended in the Legal 500.**

William England is a specialist advocate with extensive experience in financial and regulatory offences and serious organised crime. He has appeared in a number of high profile cases and public inquiries, and regularly appears in regulatory and disciplinary cases covering all aspects of business related crime and enforcement. He has recently advised on private prosecutions in the financial sector and the Financial Conduct Authority on insider trading, market abuse, corruption and legal professional privilege.

He is presently instructed in relation to a large corporate blackmail case in the financial sector and other cases involving fraud by misrepresentation and regulatory offences.

Outside chambers he is a consultant at Prospect Law, advising corporate and individual clients on investigations into market abuse, bribery and corruption, and restraint orders and all aspects of asset recovery.

He was lead Counsel representing a core participant in the Baha Mousa Public Inquiry, chaired by Sir William Gage – an inquiry of national importance into the death of an Iraqi whilst in custody during Operation Telic.

In matters of a health and safety and corporate crime, he specialises in defending cases alleging gross negligence manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, bribery, corruption and blackmail. He acted as lead counsel in the successful defence of the prosecution of senior members of the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service for gross negligence manslaughter.

In general crime, matters include “gangland” offences, large-scale drugs importation, and cases brought by the Serious and Organised Crime Agency.

He is known for his attention to detail, and his ability to assimilate complex material rapidly.

His previous military expertise is well documented having been the only counsel to appear in all of the Iraqi abuse cases since 2003, including Operation Breadbasket (Britain’s Abu Ghraib) the war crimes trial involving Baha Mousa, and the Parachute regiment roadside killing at Alamarah.

He is a member of the CBA, FSLA, ARDL, POCLA, AMCA and the CLBM; he has an LLM from University College London.

## **Fraud and Financial Crime:**

**R v Lindsey Leonard.** Operation Bamburgh, the case involved £300 million mortgage frauds in the North of England. Successful defence of company director).

[http://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/10716335.Twelve\\_appear\\_at\\_court\\_in\\_connection\\_with\\_multi\\_million\\_pound\\_mortgage\\_fraud\\_probe/](http://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/10716335.Twelve_appear_at_court_in_connection_with_multi_million_pound_mortgage_fraud_probe/)

[http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/14113702.Accountant\\_spared\\_jail\\_for\\_quot\\_back\\_off\\_quot\\_role\\_in\\_300m\\_mortgage\\_fraud/](http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/14113702.Accountant_spared_jail_for_quot_back_off_quot_role_in_300m_mortgage_fraud/)

**R v Tunney:** The case involved an alleged fraud on the European contingency fund, All four defendant's were accused of being part of fraud involving two County Durham companies, which were paid to provide training courses to help disadvantaged people in the North-East find work. Tunney was one of the directors of Development and Research Initiatives Limited and Meteor Enterprises Limited at the time of the offences. [www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/.../8231872.Boss\\_facing\\_jail\\_over\\_Eur...](http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/.../8231872.Boss_facing_jail_over_Eur...)

**R v Fryett:** The case involved the Managing director of Carbon Credited Farming and the chairman of the Sustainable Growth Group, who was accused of corporate blackmail, over an agreement to invest in another Bio fuel company. The defendant was acquitted on the direction of the trial Judge on the first day of a six-week trial.

**R v Ohara:** The case involved conspiracy to commit fraud. Between 2007 and 2010 the gang, from the Leicestershire area, committed 29 offences across the country – including four offences in Staffordshire – targeting elderly and vulnerable people. The five defendants were subject to an Attorney General's reference.

[www.staffordshire.police.uk/news/news.../110916\\_21\\_viper/](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk/news/news.../110916_21_viper/)

[www.coventrytelegraph.net/.../bogus-workmen-jailed-after-duping-c.](http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/.../bogus-workmen-jailed-after-duping-c.)

[www.birminghammail.co.uk/.../appeal-court-increases-lenient-sentences](http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/.../appeal-court-increases-lenient-sentences)

**R v Spears:** Operation Millipede, the case was the result of a long-running inquiry by the Serious Organised Crime Agency focusing on the illegal practice of "pretexting", commonly known as "blagging". [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-17157490](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-17157490) and [www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk) > News > UK News > Phone Hacking

**R v Petroskovky:** The case involved an international art fraud, one of the UK's most prolific and accomplished art fraudsters, responsible for creating forged artwork potentially worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. The forged art imitated a range of artists including Sayed Haider Raza, Francis Newton Souza, Jilali Gharbaoui, Sadanand Bakre, Maqbool Fida Husain; Welsh landscape painter Kyffin Williams, and English surrealist and modernist artist John Tundra. It is believed the paintings have been released onto the UK market over a five-year period. Operation Sketch - a proactive operation led by the Metropolitan Police Service's Art and Antiques Unit, supported by ArtBeat Special Constables - identified the scam in April 2009 after they were contacted by a major London auction house which had identified an unusually high number of paintings offered for sale by artist Maqbool Fida Husain.

[content.met.police.uk/News/Prolific-art-forgers.../1257246745756](http://content.met.police.uk/News/Prolific-art-forgers.../1257246745756)

[jessicafranses.com/fraudsters-lots-offer-judicial-hammer](http://jessicafranses.com/fraudsters-lots-offer-judicial-hammer)

[www.dailymail.co.uk/.../article.../Art-fraudster-caught-forging-painti..](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/.../article.../Art-fraudster-caught-forging-painti..)

## **Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter**

**R v Adrian Ashley:** Three Incident Commanders prosecuted for Negligent Act Manslaughter, the case involved a warehouse fire in Atherstone on Stour, Warwickshire, and the subsequent death of four fire fighters.

[news.sky.com/home/uk-news/article/16212634](http://news.sky.com/home/uk-news/article/16212634)

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-17823543](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-17823543)

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-18270907](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-18270907)

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-18268575](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-18268575)

**R v David Sterling:** The case involved the attempted murder and shooting of two victims in a botched robbery.

<http://news.met.police.uk/news/two-jailed-for-shooting-a-man-and-robbing-his-wife-252555>

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/shocking-moment-husband-is-shot-on-his-doorstep-in-front-of-his-wife-who-confronted-robbers-a3596441.html>

**R v Dwayne Edgar;** The case involved a drug related murder in Cardiff, relating to drugs “turf war”.

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/live-updates-three-men-found-12351276>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-38394663>

**R v Jason Fitzgibbon:** The case involved Britain’s oldest stabbing victim, a 62 year old man, who had looked after his 100 year old Mother for many years, stabbed her.

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-11058794](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-11058794)

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-11058794](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-11058794)

**R v Edwards:** The case involved an alleged baby shaking murder.

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-16082223](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-16082223)

[www.thesun.co.uk/sol/.../Man-charged-with-murdering-baby.html](http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/.../Man-charged-with-murdering-baby.html)

### **Public and Regulatory Law:**

**R v Carl Smith trading as Smart Save Solutions:** An alleged fraud and regulatory offences involving £30 million turnover business of green energy supply and photovoltaic panels. Prosecuted by ECC.

**R v Sarah Beadle and Summit Roof guard limited.** (A multi million pound fraudulent trading and misleading consumer's case).

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/652303/rogue-traders-roofers-harassed-pensioners-jailed-Sarah-Beadle-Martin-Evans-Dudley>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/12190541/Sales-con-guide-used-to-trick-elderly-and-vulnerable-people-out-of-thousands.html>

### **The Baha Mousa Public Inquiry.**

[www.bahamousainquiry.org/](http://www.bahamousainquiry.org/)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death\\_of\\_Baha\\_Mousa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death_of_Baha_Mousa)

[ukhumanrightsblog.com/.../corporate-failure-by-mod-finds-baha-mo](http://ukhumanrightsblog.com/.../corporate-failure-by-mod-finds-baha-mo)

[news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8350917.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8350917.stm)

### **Operation Tabernula (FCA):**

[www.telegraph.co.uk > Finance > Financial Crime](http://www.telegraph.co.uk > Finance > Financial Crime)

[www.guardian.co.uk > Business > Financial sector](http://www.guardian.co.uk > Business > Financial sector)

[www.businessweek.com/.../fifth-person-charged-in-u-dot-k-dot-tabernul...](http://www.businessweek.com/.../fifth-person-charged-in-u-dot-k-dot-tabernul...)

### **Organised Crime:**

#### **Drugs Cases:**

**R v Lea Smith:** Operation Wildwood. The case involved a £12 million heroin ring and supply in the south of England.

[http://www.theargus.co.uk/news/15298785.12m\\_drugs\\_gang\\_jailed\\_after\\_being\\_snared\\_by\\_undercover\\_police\\_operation/](http://www.theargus.co.uk/news/15298785.12m_drugs_gang_jailed_after_being_snared_by_undercover_police_operation/)

**R v Paul Wilson:** Operation Roderigo, The case involved a complex and long running investigation into the large-scale supply of class A and B drugs throughout Merseyside and Cleveland.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/one-britains-most-wanted-criminals-5949141>

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/flintshire-couple-jailed-role-20m-9555151>

**R v Fitzgibbon:** Operation Bistro. The case involved the importation of £7 million of heroin, money laundering and organised crime involving the notorious Fitzgibbon family from Liverpool.

<http://news.sky.com/story/1103812/merseyside-drug-dealing-family-members-jailed>

<http://www.itv.com/news/2013-06-14/mother-and-sons-jailed-for-6m-heroin-plot/>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/liverpools-fitzgibbon-drug-family-jailed-for-more-than-30-years-over-turkish-heroin-deal-8659677.html>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/jason-fitzgibbon-listen-criminal-sing-1952280>

**R v T.Erangey:** Operation Smarten. The case involves the laundering of some £120 million; the alleged conspirators set up money bureaux throughout the Midlands and the North Of England, and then systematically flooded the banking networks with the said proceeds of drug trafficking and serious crime.)

**R v G.Hewett:** The case involved the importation of 22 tonnes of class A and B drugs into the UK between 2007 and 2009, with a street value of £117 million. The conspiracy involved the setting up of companies and offices in Manchester, Bolton and Spain as fronts to facilitate the importation. SOCA.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/the-crime-baron-and-his-gang-who-lived-like-kings-by-drug-smuggling-8550322.html>

[news.sky.com/story/.../drugs-boss-baron-smuggled-52-tonnes-into-uk](http://news.sky.com/story/.../drugs-boss-baron-smuggled-52-tonnes-into-uk)

[www.soca.gov.uk/news/303-100-years-for-p117m-drug-gang](http://www.soca.gov.uk/news/303-100-years-for-p117m-drug-gang)

[menmedia.co.uk/manchestereveningnews/p/1403571](http://menmedia.co.uk/manchestereveningnews/p/1403571)

Organised Crime:

**R v Mark Barrett.** The case involves the first British soldier to be charged with terrorism offences in relation to National Action.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/national-action-british-soldiers-neo-nazi-terrorist-group-court-west-midlands-vevhilainen-deakin-a7959346.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/09/12/soldier-part-banned-neo-nazi-group-had-anders-breivik-manifesto/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-41241153>

**R v Peter Simmonds:** The case involved a multi million pound conspiracy to to steal duty free from Gatwick Airport.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/15-people-jailed-over-24-million-gatwick-airport-thefts/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-36592407>

**R v F. Kosimov:** The case involved a fake marriage scam run by a firm of solicitors involving some £20 million)

[www.dailymail.co.uk/.../Sham-marriage-gang-jailed-35-years-murderers-dr](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/.../Sham-marriage-gang-jailed-35-years-murderers-dr)

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-21498874](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-21498874)[www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk) > News > UK News > Immigration

#### **Military Law:**

**Operation Breadbasket:** The first Iraqi abuse case to arise out of OperationTelic, often referred to as Britain's' Abu Gharib.

[news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/4287449.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/4287449.stm)

[www.guardian.co.uk/Iraq/breadbasket/0,15804,1419469,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/Iraq/breadbasket/0,15804,1419469,00.html)

[news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/4296511.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/4296511.stm)

[mod.uk/NR/rdonlyres/7AC894D3-1430-4AD1.../aitken\\_rep.pdf](http://mod.uk/NR/rdonlyres/7AC894D3-1430-4AD1.../aitken_rep.pdf)

[www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk) > News > UK News

**Roadside killing in Al-Ferkah:** The case involved the death of an 18-year-old who was alleged to have died following an attack on Iraqi civilians in al-Ferkah, southern Iraq, in May 2003. The Parachute Regiment soldiers always denied murder and violent disorder.

[news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/4403264.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/4403264.stm)

[www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk) > News > UK news

**Belize Murder:** The case involved Three Gurkhas, who were acquitted of the involvement in the death of a teenage boy at a strip club in Belize.

The riflemen, who were cleared at a court martial, were among 30 soldiers celebrating the end of a one month jungle training exercise when a fight broke out between Gurkhas and teenagers at the brothel and club.)

[www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk) › [News](#) › [World news](#) › [Gurkhas](#)

[news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/england/3116513.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/3116513.stm)

[www.highbeam.com/doc/1G1-98161367.html](http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1G1-98161367.html)

[www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk) › [News](#) › [UK News](#)

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