



Kim Preston – Barrister

Called 1991

Practice Profile:

. I have a significant practice at all levels of serious crime both Prosecuting and Defending nationwide. I have particular expertise in fraud and sex offences. I also practise in public law matters, acting for Guardians and parents. I am experienced in all forms of special measures and the use of intermediaries in delicate cases.

I am Attorney-General's A list Counsel and have recently acted as Leading Junior Counsel in a £60 million mobile phone intra-community Cheat conspiracy. I have also prosecuted for the Inland Revenue, the DTI and conducted many of British Telecom's earliest "chipping" and line interception cases.

My defence practise covers all aspects of criminal offending, particularly those of a sexual or violent nature. My specialist experience encompasses money laundering, people trafficking and prostitution.

I am frequently instructed in cases involving novel and emerging areas of the law and have undertaken lengthy trials under the VHCC system.

Case Profile:

R v Flitter T.L.R 2001: Court of Appeal: whether "reckless" rape should be specifically and separately charged.

R v Woolley & Others 2002-2007: Birmingham Crown/ Court of Appeal: Prosecuting as sole junior in HM Customs & Excise Carousel fraud & associated money laundering trials: largest successful prosecution at the time with £28million confiscation. VHCC case for Defence teams: 6 month trial, 5 Defendants all with QC and Junior.

R v Cheeseman: 2003-2007: Chichester Crown: Instructed alone by DTI on complex bankruptcy criminal prosecution against QC & Junior.

R v Gould 2004/2006: Winchester Crown: Defending with QC one of 8 in attempted murder. Client successfully appealed conviction. Re-trial - half time submissions resulted in ultimate acquittal. 45 day VHCC qualifying case.

R v Dimitrov 2005: Southwark Crown: first prosecution for CPS HQ under new people trafficking legislation.

R v Multani & Others 2006: Reading Crown: 5 handed kidnapping; sensitive cultural and disclosure issues as well as PII. Instructed to prosecute alone against 10 Counsel.

R v Barney 2006: Reading Crown/Court of Appeal: Very sensitive rape prosecution.

R v Doyle & Others 2007: Oxford Crown: Junior to Prosecuting QC in 4 handed murder of victim with learning disabilities after grooming and bullying. Cut throat defences.

R v Bradley & Others 2007: Reading Crown: Multi-hander sexual abuse/incest trial involving three generations of one family. Prosecuting against 2 Counsel. VHCC case for Defence teams: 1 month trial.

R v Hancock & Others 2006-2007: Birmingham Crown: Drafted in as 1st Junior on carousel fraud for Revenue & Customs. Instructed to conduct trial without QC as Leading Junior, multi-handed conspiracy to cheat with loss of £60 million. VHCC for the Defence team, 7 week trial.

R v Malik 2007: Reading Crown: Attempted Murder prosecuting against 2 Counsel: honour attack in religious intolerance family dispute.

R v Holloway 2006-2007: Luton/Cambridge Crown: Defending professional ticket tout against multiple prosecutions for Ebay fraud and conspiracy to steal.

Education & Qualifications:

1991	Called to the Bar, Inner Temple Major scholarship & Duke of Edinburgh scholarship
1990-91	Inns of Court School of Law, Grays Inn: Bar Finals
1989-90	City University: Dip Law
1986-89	Birmingham University: Political Science BSc. (Hons) 2:1

Professional Courses & Training:

Forensic Accounting
Serious Sexual Offences
Criminal Justice Act 2003
Human Rights Act 1998
Sexual Offences Act 2003
Proceeds of Crime 2002

Professional Memberships:

Criminal Bar Association
Member of S.E. Circuit
Thames Valley Bar Mess
Member of Midland Circuit

Interests:

Adventurous travel beyond the Crown Courts, eating well and occasionally not working to pursue both.

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