



# MARTIN RUTHERFORD

YEAR OF CALL: 1990 (QC 2015)

Martin has practiced exclusively in criminal law for 25 years, and is recognised as being at the very top of the profession. Martin is now regularly instructed to defend in the most serious of cases, sought out for being fearless, highly intelligent and popular with judge and juries alike.

## EXPERTISE

Martin is known for having expertise in two key areas, the first being general crime (murder/manslaughter/drugs) and the second being serious fraud. His practise is currently split evenly between the two.

## NOTABLE CASES

**R v P** Conspiracy to murder/Attempted murder.  
Shooting of wrong man in botched drug deal. Defendant the sole acquitted defendant.

**R v V** Murder.  
Gangland stabbing in Westfield shopping centre. Defendant acquitted.

**R v W** Kidnap/torture.  
Kidnapping and assault of man alleged to be paedophile. Defendant acquitted of all counts.

**R v B** Misconduct in a public office.  
Defendant a member of the Household Guards, alleged to have sold stories to the News of the World about Prince Harry for money. Defendant acquitted after an appeal.

**R v C** Offences under the Mental Capacity Act.  
Defendant, a nurse, alleged to have falsified patient notes. All defendants bar two pleaded guilty. Prosecution stopped against this defendant and one other after successful argument that the hospital computer database was unreliable. Defendant acquitted.

Manufacture of drugs.  
Defendant a pharmacologist alleged to have manufactured millions of pounds worth of fake Viagra. Pleaded guilty to manufacturing a smaller quantity of tablets to secure lesser sentence.

**R v M** Fraud (on the legal aid scheme)  
Defendant connected with a firm of solicitors alleged to have defrauded legal aid of approximately £1m. Defendant sole acquitted defendant.

**R v B** Fraud (a multi-million pound betting scam)  
Defendant alleged to be art of a group of men selling worthless horseracing tips for money. All defendants convicted, but this defendant received the smallest sentence.

**R v B** Fraud (Lexi Holdings plc, a fraud amounting to £110m)  
An 8-month trial at Manchester Crown Court, at the end of which this defendant was the sole acquitted defendant.

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**R v H** Fraud (tax evasion)

Defendant pleaded guilty to evading tax amounting to one-fifth of the amount initially alleged by prosecution. Lesser sentence secured.

**FORTHCOMING CASES**

**R v L** Gangland murder, Central Criminal Court

**R v L** Fraud against the DPP involving deaf defendants

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

Martin is regularly asked by Lincoln's Inn to train advocacy to pupil barristers and qualified barristers alike.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Criminal Bar Association

**QUALIFICATIONS**

BA (Hons.) English  
Diploma in Law

**APPOINTMENTS**

Queen's Counsel (2015)