



TIM BANKS
YEAR OF CALL: 1983

EXPERTISE

Tim Banks has over 30 years' experience, having prosecuted and defended in a wide variety of serious cases. During the last ten years he has specialised in defence work. He has acted, both in London and across the country, in cases of murder, manslaughter, kidnapping, rape, sexual offences, serious drug offences, armed robbery, blackmail and fraud.

Tim is also qualified to undertake Public Access work.

RECENT CASES

R v Cpl M – Successfully defended a Corporal charged with assaulting a private. This case was the sixth defence trial Tim has conducted at the Court Martial Centre in Germany. He has never lost a Court-Martial trial. May 2016, Sennelager.

R v PO – Defended a serving prisoner charged with assaulting three prison officers. Despite overwhelming evidence, the jury acquitted the defendant on all charges. April 2016, Maidstone Crown Court.

R v AT – Defended an employee of 'Travelodge' who was charged with sexual assault on a customer. Not Guilty verdict. March 2016, Kingston Crown Court.

R v SD – Obtained a Not Guilty verdict for a Santander bank manager charged with fraud. The case involved a "cut-throat" defence with a fellow employee of the same bank. February 2016, Central Criminal Court.

R v EL – Defended in a rape case. D was alleged to have raped his ex-wife. Following cross-examination of the complainant the trial had to be aborted in order for some of her evidence to be checked. Once this was done, it was established that the evidence of the complainant could not be relied upon. The prosecution eventually offered no evidence. January 2016, Snaresbrook Crown Court.

NOTABLE CASES

R v W – Same defendant as in May 2015. Serious money laundering allegation. Not Guilty by direction. November 2015, Kingston Crown Court.

R v R – This was a multiple complainant case involving historical sexual allegations. Not Guilty verdicts. October 2015, Maidstone Crown Court.

R v Z – Successfully defended a letting agent charged with offences of violence in relation to her tenants. August 2015, Harrow Crown Court.

R v M – Successfully defended a man charged with aggravated burglary and sexual assault. The two co-defendants had pleaded guilty to both offences. July 2015, Northampton Crown Court.

R v W – Successfully defended in a serious case alleging conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (2 kilos of cocaine). Despite the strength of the evidence, the jury returned a Not Guilty verdict. May 2015, Kingston Crown Court.

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R v O – Tim obtained a favourable verdict in a complicated fraud against a casino. The defendant was an employee of a well-known casino and had allegedly conspired with a fellow employee and a customer to defraud the casino. April 2015, Southwark Crown Court.

R v S – Instructed to represent a client charged with a massive property fraud. The case involved highly unusual and complicated issues concerning the Egyptian property market. February 2015, Sheffield Crown Court.

R v T – Defended in a fraud against the Royal Albert Hall. A submission of no case to answer was allowed. December 2014, Isleworth Crown Court.

R v Y – Defended a man alleged to have been a gang member. A large quantity of firearms had been hidden on ‘waste land’ which was said to be a part of the gang members’ territory. The defendant was the only person to be acquitted of the firearms offences. October 2014, Harrow Crown Court.

R v M – Successfully defended a man charged with allegations of historic sexual abuse. September 2014, Swindon Crown Court.

R v DA – Successfully defended an American citizen charged with sexual offences on a family member. July 2014, Wood Green Crown Court.

R v S – Represented one of the main defendants in a multi-handed case involving prostitution and money laundering. June 2014, Southwark Crown Court.

R v B – Defended in a very grave case involving serious sexual offences against a child aged four. The case involved very careful planning and preparation of cross-examination. Also, very complex issues in relation to hearsay. May 2014, Reading Crown Court.

R v I – Successfully represented young defendant with severe learning difficulties. The case involved working in partnership with an intermediary. April 2014, Southwark Crown Court.

R v S – Successfully defended a senior prison officer charged with two separate assaults on a prisoner. The defendant was also charged with conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. He was said to have influenced junior officers to falsify important paperwork in order to cover his tracks. The case involved detailed cross-examination of a fellow prison officer. Found Not Guilty on all counts. February 2014, Oxford Crown Court.

R v G-DA - Successful acquittal of former Karate champion who faced historic sexual allegations from his niece. July 2013, Kingston Crown Court.

R v FB – Successfully defended in a seven handed section 18 /violent disorder. March 2013, St Albans Crown Court.

R v AT – Successfully defended in a high profile false imprisonment case.

R v Lambe – Leading counsel for the defence in a serious and complicated conspiracy to commit arson. D was acquitted of the M1 Arson – an allegation of causing £4.5 million in damage to the M1 motorway. See The Guardian, 4 April 2012.

R v S – Instructed for the defence in a substantial conspiracy to convey prohibited articles into prison. One of the defendants in the conspiracy was a solicitor.

R v R – Defended in a multiple victim rape case. The case involved dealing with complicated issues of cross-admissibility.

R v O – Instructed to defend a carer charged with various sexual offences against mentally disordered patients. Tim’s client was the only defendant to be acquitted.

R v ND - Defended a mortgage broker charged with a serious ‘glassing’ offence. See Evening Standard, 22 October 2010.

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R v K A - Instructed as leading junior for a defendant charged with murder. See BBC News, 18 March 2010 and BBC News, 22 January 2010.

R v N C - Represented a defendant charged with a series of armed robberies who had previously escaped from prison in order to commit these offences. See Thames Valley Police - News, 22 December 2009.

R v R G - Represented one of the main defendants in a case that involved a large scale conspiracy to supply Class A drugs.

R v L P - Represented a defendant in a five-handed conspiracy to commit burglary. This was a serious and complicated case involving stolen goods in excess of £1 million.

R v R C - Represented defendant in a historic sex abuse case. Portsmouth Crown Court.

R v E P - Represented one of seventeen defendants all charged with a series of customer impersonation frauds. The total value of the fraud was £4 million and the defendant was an employee of a bank. Southwark Crown Court.

R v W - Instructed as leading junior for the defence in a case of murder.

R v D-S - Successfully represented a defendant in a high profile 'gang rape' case.

R v A - Instructed to represent a defendant on a charge of attempted murder. The case involved a brutal attack on a Nepalese youth.

R v B - Represented the main defendant in a conspiracy to import a large quantity of firearms, silencers and ammunition into the UK.

R v S - Defended a man charged with twenty others in a substantial case of conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. The police operation involved targeting the major drug dealers in a number of towns in Surrey.

R v M - Defended in a "gang rape" case. Tim's client was the only defendant acquitted.

R v Z - Represented a man accused of a large number of robberies on Securicor vehicles.

R v N - Defended in a murder trial. The case involved the issue of whether a conviction in a foreign jurisdiction (attempted murder in Lithuania) was admissible.

R v P - Appeared for the defence in a complicated kidnapping case, involving detailed consideration of cell site analysis.

OTHER CASES OF INTEREST

Represented a defendant charged with manslaughter. The defendant had with consent injected heroin into the victim. The case involved difficult and unusual issues of law.

Instructed to represent a woman who was charged with the murder of her husband. The defendant was alleged to have counselled and procured her son to commit the offence.

Instructed to represent a defendant charged with arson. Originally he had been charged with drink driving. The defendant was accused of setting fire to the laboratory in which his blood sample was stored.

Represented a Turkish defendant charged with a substantial conspiracy to supply heroin to the value of £1 million pounds. The trial ran for some nine weeks.

Instructed as leading defence junior in a trial which involved a series of professionally-planned armed robberies of post offices and jewellers.

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Instructed as leading defence junior to represent a German national charged with conspiracy to supply heroin. The case was both extensive and complex and involved difficult tactical issues. The trial lasted approximately seven weeks.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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QUALIFICATIONS

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