



EXPERTISE

Giles appears in the full spectrum of criminal cases with an emphasis on fraud, money laundering and drugs offences. He has a mixed practice and defends and prosecutes in equal measure. He has significant experience in matters relating to the proceeds of crime. He has appeared as led junior and junior alone in a wide range of cases including murder, blackmail, false imprisonment, firearms, grievous bodily harm, serious fraud, drugs offences and money laundering.

He has experience of Coroners' Inquests, extradition cases and is instructed in a large number of cases involving offences of animal welfare and, particularly, offences arising from the 'dangerous dogs' legislation.

Prior to joining Chambers, Giles was employed by a large firm of solicitors specialising in crime, fraud and extradition. While there, he acted for many Rail Maritime and Transport Union members in relation to criminal offences, road traffic matters and Health and Safety Executive investigations.

NOTABLE CASES

Fraud and Financial Offending

HDC v DP-G – Prosecution counsel in an allegation of benefit fraud of approximately £25,000

HDC v LK – Prosecution counsel in an allegation of benefit fraud in which the defendant had failed to inform the local authority for many months that she had returned to work.

R v LR - Junior alone acting for a defendant charged with fraud in gross breach of trust. Suspended sentence imposed following limited guilty pleas to approximately half of the defrauded amount. (Kingston Crown Court, 2012)

R v AH – Representing a defendant charged with £500,000 of credit card and mortgage fraud. (Southwark Crown Court, 2012)

R v B - Led Junior in a large-scale theft from employer case involving a particularly demanding client, the investigation of psychiatric issues, previous settlement in the High Court resulting in restrained assets. The case has attracted a large amount of publicity throughout the proceedings. Acted alone in contested confiscation proceedings concerning an overall benefit figure in the region of £2.5 million. (Southwark Crown Court, 2007-8)

R v O'G - Led Junior in a multi-handed conspiracy to defraud clearing banks of some £3 million. (Croydon Crown Court, 2008)

General crime

R v I - Unanimous acquittal at re-trial for a knife point robbery involving a 16 year old youth. (Kingston Crown Court, 2013)

R v C - Unanimous acquittal for criminal damage where the defendant was said to have deliberately driven at a rented multiple-occupancy residence in her whilst drunk. Originally charged as criminal damage with recklessness as to endangerment of life. (Cambridge Crown Court, 2013)

R v KS - Represented one of 5 defendants in a three week trial charged with a number of offences culminating in serious public disorder arising from a family divide. (Snaresbrook Crown Court, 2012)

R v JT – Counsel for a defendant acquitted of grievous bodily harm with intent. The defendant suffered from mental health issues. (Isleworth Crown Court, 2012)

R v KD - Counsel for the second defendant. Successful submission of no case to answer in a trial for affray involving weapons. (Snaresbrook Crown Court, 2011)

R v RJ - Counsel for the second defendant in a 3 week multi-handed affray trial. (St Albans Crown Court, 2011)

R v JE - Represented a defendant charged with burglary of his grandmother's home and three further burglaries (further reading: News, 16 January 2010). (Basildon Crown Court, 2010)

R v L - Led Junior in conspiracy to kidnap, possession of firearms and false imprisonment. The matter was featured on BBC's Crimewatch UK. Suspended sentence imposed following acceptable limited basis of plea. (Inner London Crown Court, 2008)

Animal welfare / Dangerous dogs

R v NI - Counsel for the defendant in a 9 day trial involving allegations of animal cruelty to 173 dogs. (Luton Magistrates' Court, 2012)

R v AS - Counsel for the defendant. Large bull-mastiff dog returned to its owner subject to a contingent destruction order, following an attack on a dog and having bitten two people (further reading: News, 27 May 2010). (Brighton and Hove Magistrates Court, 2010)

QUALIFICATIONS

LLB (Hons)
BVC (Inns of Court School of Law)
Direct access qualified

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