



Michael Hillman

Michael has almost 30 years' experience as a barrister and as a solicitor. As a senior-junior Michael defends and prosecutes at the highest level. Michael has a reputation for being a charismatic yet robust advocate. Having been appointed as a Recorder in crime on the South-Eastern Circuit he regularly sits in the Crown Court.

Michael has enjoyed an eclectic career in criminal law, which has included representing clients at far flung police stations in the early hours of the morning, defending in murder trials at the Central Criminal Court and presiding over Crown Court trials as a judge.

Having practised as a solicitor, and run his own Legal Aid Franchise, Michael appreciates the day-to-day pressures and realities of running a criminal firm.

He is a Level 4 CPS panel advocate and a specialist rape and serious sexual offences prosecutor.

Whilst in recent years Michael has specialised in cases involving serious sex and violence, he has a long history of defending in all types of cases, for example, multi-handed drug importation conspiracies, fraud and firearms.

Michael has appeared many times at the Court of Appeal. He successfully responded to two appeals against conviction in the last 12 months, and is regularly instructed to draft Respondent's notices on behalf of the CPS.

Recent cases

R v L	Prosecuting stranger rape
R v P	Prosecuting child sex offences
R v M	Defending multiple rapes
R v C	Prosecution s.18 GBH
R v H	Defending s.18 GBH
R v A	Defending attempted murder
R v M	Prosecuting stranger rape
R v S	Prosecuting assault by penetration. Female defendant posing as a male

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R v H&B	Prosecuting historic child sex abuse
R v M	Prosecuting multiple rapes
R v S	Prosecuting indecent Images [Defendant unfit]
R v B	Prosecuting child sex abuse
R v A	Prosecuting stranger rape
R v V	Prosecuting rape and false imprisonment
R v B	Prosecuting rape, C&C, Strangulation
R v S	Prosecuting rape

This year Michael is instructed to prosecute and defend in numerous cases involving serious sex and violence, including murder.