

**TIM STARKEY**

**YEAR OF CALL: 2002**

Tim has a wide-ranging criminal practice, both prosecuting and defending.

Tim has defended in a wide range of criminal proceedings, notably in cases involving allegations of murder and attempted murder, rape, child sex offences and fraud. In his defence work, previous experience of working as a police station representative has given Tim a keen understanding of the need for good client care from the start to finish of proceedings. Tim’s calm, persuasive manner has secured numerous acquittals, often very much against the odds!

Tim is a level 3 prosecutor and on the RASSO list, regularly prosecuting rape trials. His experience of prosecuting sexual offences encompasses numerous historic allegations, cases involving young children and intermediaries and cases with multiple defendants. Tim is particularly interested in prosecuting cases involving contested expert evidence and has experience of questioning, amongst others, psychiatrists, forensic scientists, neurosurgeons, paediatricians and an expert in Nigerian customary adoption. Tim has successfully prosecuted a number of high-profile cases involving children being trafficked from West Africa into the United Kingdom as well as several multi-handed fraud cases.

**NOTABLE CASES**

**Homicide and Serious Violence**

R v D –S18 GBH Successfully defended young man accused of stabbing.

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R v A and others– Led junior for defendant in 11 handed case with 130,000 pages of evidence. Allegations of violent disorder and conspiracy to commit GBH in the context of gang rivalry. Expert evidence as to gang culture.

R v C and another –Led junior representing Defendant in an attempt murder. Defendant acquitted of both attempt murder and the S18 alternative. Convicted of S20 receiving a suspended sentence after Tim conducted a carefully prepared mitigation.

R v D and others –Led junior representing Defendant in a 3 handed trial involving, 2 allegations of murder.

R v B –Represented Defendant acquitted in S18 / S20 GBH trial after advancing defence of self-defence.

R v D-W –Represented Defendant acquitted of attempt murder and S18 after giving evidence that he had acted in self-defence.

R v G and others –Currently a led junior representing a Defendant in an 8 handed murder.

**Sexual Offences**

R v Z –Assault by penetration, allegations against driving instructor of drugging and assaulting pupil. Expert psychiatric evidence in relation to credibility of complainant’s evidence enabled Tim to secure an acquittal for his client.

R v V and N – Prosecuted an allegation concerning rape of woman by two flat mates. Clash of expert evidence in relation to the interpretation of findings of semen and blood stain patterns.

R v A and others – prosecuted a four handed rape and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

R v M – Instructed to prosecute a severely disabled Defendant who had hidden cameras in his flat in order to film his carers, over a number of years. Convicted of voyeurism. Required sensitive and careful handling.

R v P – Successful defence of father accused of facilitating the sexual abuse and exploitation of his daughter between the ages of 10 and 15. Case involving psychiatric evidence and the use of an intermediary.

R v L - Prosecution of teaching assistant, convicted in relation to sexual activity with a child. Substantial disclosure exercise in relation to previous false allegation of rape made by the complainant and in relation to social media and phone material.

R v JL - Prosecution of a caretaker, convicted of sexual offences committed against 7 children spanning a 20 year period.

R v S – Represented a Defendant acquitted of rape, despite confessions in interview. Psychiatric evidence called in relation to the reliability of his confessions.

R v B – Prosecution of Defendant convicted of sexual assaults on 4 children between the 1960s and 1990s including members of his extended family and family friends.

R v L - Prosecution of Defendant convicted in rape case involving issues of capacity to consent.

R v J – Successful prosecution in a violent stranger rape case.

R v DS - Successful prosecution of 13 year old Defendant in relation to a series of sexual offences committed against two 14 year old girls who attended the same school. Extensive use of intermediaries.

R v T - Represented Defendant acquitted of allegations of oral rape of 4 year old niece. Case involving an intermediary and requiring sensitive handling.

**Human Trafficking**

R v S – successfully prosecuted Defendant accused of trafficking a baby for purposes of obtaining benefits.

R v A and R and R v O and O – successful prosecutions in relation to trafficking Nigerian children into domestic servitude in London.

R v P – Leading junior in a 7 handed human trafficking conspiracy trial lasing 4 months and involving evidence from 16 complainants. Required analysis of substantial quantity of company, banking and phone records.

**Fraud and Money Laundering**

R v H – Successful prosecution of a series of mortgage frauds and false representations spanning a 20 year period.

R v M – Successful defence in a 10 handed trial involving a money laundering conspiracy.

R v K and others – Successful prosecution of a four handed fraud involving fraudulent use of company credit cards and subsequent laundering of the proceeds of crime

R v F – Successful prosecution of defendant who duped a large number of victims into investing considerable sums of money into a company purporting to deal with hostage and rescue situations in Somalia. Extensive disclosure exercise.

R v T – Successful defence of man accused of defrauding his grandmother of £36,000. Involved the use of an intermediary and required sensitive handling.

**Serious Crime**

R v M – Arson with intent to endanger life. Successfully deployed expert evidence in relation to the fire and the defendant’s dementia to secure an acquittal.

R v D - Successful prosecution of controlling and coercive behaviour spanning a 10 year period.

R v H – 3 handed case involving allegation of conspiracy to supply drugs in a county lines operation. Successfully deployed expert evidence in relation to both cell site and DNA to secure an acquittal.

R v K - Defendant acquitted in firearms trial. Challenge to expert evidence on the basis of possibility of secondary transfer of DNA.

**Advocacy Training**

Taught advocacy on the Bar Vocational Course at BPP 2004-2007

Middle Temple Advocacy trainer

Pupil Supervisor since 2017

**Policy Work**

Contributed to “Shadow City” report into human trafficking in London.

Member of Thames Valley Police Ethics Think Tank, currently examining police use of Facial Recognition Technology.

**Languages**

Modern Greek (fluent)

French (advanced)