



# Robin Shellard

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- Chambers and Partners 2016

## Overview

A respected practitioner with substantial experience both defending and prosecuting. He has particular expertise in serious sexual offences and multiple defendant conspiracies concerning both fraud and drugs with an ability to put a client at ease.

Robin is a Grade 4 prosecutor on the CPS General Crime panel of prosecuting counsel; the Rape and Serious Sexual Offences panel; and on the Serious Crime Group panel.

Robin has acted as leading Junior on numerous occasions.

In 2019 he was listed again in both The Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners.

*'Recent work includes historic sexual offences and homicide cases.'* – Legal 500 2018

*"He's very much a jury man and is very persuasive."* – Chambers and Partners 2017

*"Robin is really good, a very strong practitioner who does a lot of defence work."* – Chambers & Partners 2017

*'Recommended for multi-defendant fraud and drugs conspiracies.'* – Legal 500 2017

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*'He specialises in sexual offence trials.'* – Legal 500 2016

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*“Robin Shellard provides a thorough and detailed service. He oozes charm and ability.”* – Chambers and Partners 2015

*‘A very strong and charismatic advocate.’* – Legal 500 2015

## Recent Cases

**Operation Greenfield. 2018.** Leading Junior in the successful prosecution of a 7-defendant conspiracy to supply kilos of cocaine and cannabis.

**R v Gilby and others 2018.** He successfully prosecuted a 15-defendant conspiracy to supply drugs between London and Bristol.

**R v Farnham. 2018. Murder.** Junior defence counsel to Patrick Harrington QC.

**R v Pincher 2018** Junior Counsel to Ben Aina QC in prosecution involving supply of drugs and sexual assault against night club owner.

**R v Mian Singh 2018. Attempted Murder.** Successful prosecution of man who tried to kill his brother.

**R v Miah 2018. Attempted Murder.** Successful prosecution of man who attempted to kill relative.

**R v Periera 2018. Attempted Murder.** Central Criminal Court. Not guilty by reason of insanity.

**R v Hackland. 2018.** Prosecution brought by Medicines & Healthcare Care Regulatory Agency of producers of unlicensed drugs.

**Operation Astoria. 2017.** Successfully defended client for offence under modern slavery legislation in prosecution brought by Regional Organised Crime Unit against OCG involved in cannabis factories and people trafficking.

**R v Crosdale. 2017. Murder.** Junior counsel to David Hislop QC, and in retrial Mark Wyeth QC, in successful defence of teenager charged with murder.

**R v Begum and Salam 2019.** Successfully prosecuted husband and wife charged with immigration offences and benefit fraud of £250,000.

## Sexual offences

**R v Khan 2018.** Prosecuted successfully at trial the rape by a stranger of a student walking home late at night.

**R v H. 2018.** Prosecuted man charged with numerous sexual offences against his three step daughters. Defended by Queen’s Counsel and junior Counsel

**R v A. 2017.** He was leading junior successfully defending in a multiple complainant historic sex trial against a father with allegations by ex-wife and children

**R v Wadsworth. 2017.** Junior counsel to Miranda Moore QC in prosecution of two BBC radio presenters

charged with multiple historic sexual offences.

**R v Denham [2017] 1 Cr. App. R.** He defended at trial one of a number of men charged with conspiracy to rape babies which was prosecuted by the National Crime Agency (Operation Vanquis. R v Denham and others) and appeal against conviction.

**Operation Button 2016.** He has successfully defended one of a number of men in Bristol charged with sexually exploiting vulnerable teenage girls.

### **Courts Martial**

He has considerable experience appearing before Courts Martial in the UK and Germany and has appeared before the Courts Martial Appeal Tribunal (2016).

### **Firearms**

*“He stands out for his knowledge of firearms licensing.”* – Chambers & Partners 2017

Robin has a particular interest in firearms law and was granted leave to appeal against conviction by the Court of Appeal in a case involving the importation of blank firing flare launchers that are legal in Europe. Robin also lectures on firearms legislation and frequently represents gun owners on applications and appeals involving firearms licensing.

He has prosecuted a private prosecution against a police officer for the use of a ‘Taser’ in a police cell against a naked man.

### **Regulatory Crime**

He prosecutes for Trading Standards and is currently prosecuting a gang involving cowboy builders.

Successfully defended a prosecution brought by the OFT in the largest case concerning offences contrary to The Consumer Protection Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 (CPUT) (Operation Caber). The case involved a national pyramid promotional scheme where over £20 million was lost. His was the only defendant to be acquitted after two trials each lasting four months.

He carries out a full range of regulatory work such as animal movement regulations; poaching; unsafe practices by retailers such as tattoo shops; and the handling and keeping of explosives. He has prosecuted for Trading Standards and Local Authorities and defended in cases involving trademark infringement and goods sold on E-Bay. Robin has represented a food processing company, Hamza Poultry Ltd, who were prosecuted for breaches of the Food Hygiene Regulations 2006 and defended the resulting £2m proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA) where the prosecution was seeking to show that the failure to obtain the correct food processing licenses made the Company turnover criminal benefit for the purposes of POCA with a resulting liability for the Director.

He prosecutes on behalf of the Maritime & Coast Guard Agency.

**Direct Access.** Robin is qualified to carry out direct access work. He is happy to undertake preliminary advice.

**Private Client.** Robin carries out private client work in both regulatory and non-regulatory crime.

## **Professional Memberships**

Criminal Bar Association.

## **Education**

Clifton College Bristol; University of Wales (BA Hons History); the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst; University of Westminster (CPE): Inns of Court School of Law.

## **Leisure**

Fishing; shooting; watching Bath Rugby; playing cricket. Active member of a number of charities.

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