



James Norman

Barrister

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James is regularly instructed, often as leader, in serious and complex cases investigated by the police and HMRC.

“Reliable, extremely personable and good with juries”

Specialist areas

Crime

Fraud, Business and Financial Crime

Professional Regulation

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He is able to assimilate large volumes of complex material quickly and comprehensively, and distil the results into high quality advice, documentation and oral advocacy.

Areas of expertise

- Large scale mobile telephone evidence: downloads, call data and cell site.
- The management of disclosure in complex, multi handed cases.
- Pre charge advice in difficult and sensitive cases, particularly involving fraud and money laundering.

- Contested confiscation proceedings, particularly those involving substantial 'hidden assets'.

Notable cases

As leader

R v Croxton: prosecution of the defendant for murdering a man during a drug robbery.

R v Sutherland and others: prosecution of three defendants for a £29 million fraud on HMRC.

R v Lal and others: prosecution of three defendants for laundering £12 million through two MSB.

R v Hussain and others: prosecution of six defendants for the drug related kidnapping and torture of a young man.

R v Khaled and others: prosecution of eleven defendants for 'courier' fraud on pensioners.

R v Sinanaj and others: prosecution of thirteen defendants for conspiring to supply 90 kilos of cocaine.

Without a leader

R v Landsberg: prosecution of a pastor for murdering his wife in front of their three year old child.

R v Hicklin and Hicklin: prosecution of a father and son for attempted murder.

R v Ayton and others: prosecution of three defendants for attempted murder.

R v Brinkley: prosecution of the defendant for attempting to murder his former partner having first doused her in bleach.

R v Khan and Khan / R v Wilson: prosecution of two defendants for conspiracy to murder the third, and of the victim of the conspiracy for section 18 GBH on one of his attackers.

R v Raja: prosecution of a barrister for stealing £230,000 from HMRC.

R v McCabe and others: prosecution of four defendants for the international supply of Class A drugs via the 'dark web'.

R v McEvoy and others / R v Fraser and others: prosecution of fifteen defendants for various offences of violence (including attempted murder) arising from a gang feud in Luton.

R v Handley and others: prosecution of twenty defendants for VAT fraud.

R v Mawere and others: prosecution of ten defendants for a driving test fraud on the DVLA.

R v Sheehy and others: prosecution of six defendants for handling stolen vehicles worth over £700,000.

R v Raza: prosecution of a sophisticated revenge cyber attack on a business by a disgruntled former employee.

R v Panico and others: prosecution of nine defendants for conspiring to defraud motor insurers.

R v Elkatme and others: prosecution of nine defendants for conspiring to defraud a local authority.

R v Hazell and others: prosecution of eight defendants for conspiring to produce large quantities of cannabis.

R v Gudgeon and Ahmet: prosecution of two defendants for the night time robbery of an 85 year old woman in her home.

R v Cawley and others: prosecution of three defendants for a distraction burglary conspiracy comprising over forty individual offences.

R v Moorthy and others: prosecution of five defendants for defrauding the Commonwealth Secretariat.

R v Sampson and others: prosecution of five defendants for conspiring to supply cocaine between London and Eastbourne.

Operation Hogton: prosecution of numerous defendants for offences arising from a large boiler room fraud based in Spain.

R v Jenkins and others: prosecution of five defendants for conspiring to supply over £500,000 of cannabis.

Defence work

R v Whitehouse and others: defending Military Police officers accused of perverting the course of justice. Case stayed after successful abuse of process application.

Regulatory proceedings

Regularly instructed by the General Osteopathic Council to prosecute bogus practitioners.

Appeal cases

Moody v General Osteopathic Council [2008] EWCA Civ 513: representing the respondent in an appeal to the Court of Appeal (Civil Division) concerning disciplinary proceedings. Followed proceedings in the Administrative Court (EWHC 2465 (Admin)).

R v Sharma [2006] EWCA Crim 16: at the time, the leading authority on apportionment and 'double recovery' in confiscation proceedings.

R v Alibhai and others [2004] EWCA Crim 681: remains the leading authority on third party disclosure and the status of corporate victims.