



Rory Keene

Barrister

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Rory has a background in publishing which included a promotions background at EMI and Warner Bros. before forming a 'start up' publishing enterprise dealing with African Emerging Markets.

“He is always cool under pressure and quickly gains confidence from his clients”

Specialist areas

Crime

Fraud, Business and Financial Crime

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Areas of expertise

Crime, Fraud and Financial

Rory has a wide experience of defending and prosecuting serious crime at 1st instance and appellate level.

- Fraud
- Money laundering
- Confiscation and restraint
- International crime
- Drugs Importation and Supply
- Murder
- Extradition

VAT & MTIC Frauds

Fraud Rory has developed a wide experience in the criminal and civil aspects of VAT fraud, including VAT tribunal work.

Licensing and regulatory work

He acts in Licensing matters for applicants and regulatory authorities. His Trading Standards work involves the defence and prosecution of individuals and corporations in all areas including: Health and Safety, Trade Descriptions, Product Safety, Pricing, Property Misdescription, Food law.

Professional Discipline

Acts for Police Officers and members of the Security Industry.

Notable cases

R v Neville Knight [2010] EWCA Crim 237: Successful appeal against a Life Sentence (Defence)

R v Obeng Ansong [2009] EWCA Crim 2907: Appeal concerning 'Newton Hearings' (Crown)

Attorney General's Reference (No's. 10 and 11 of 2009) EWCA Crim 1636: Sentence (Defence)

R v Stamatelous (Dimitrios) [2008] EWCA Crim 2893: Successful appeal against sentence (Defence)

R v Quandoh [2008] EWCA Crim 2295; Appeal against conviction (Crown)

R v Bolodeoku [2005] Appeal against conviction: Inconsistent verdicts, absent witnesses and hearsay evidence (Crown)

R v Oren Atlan [2004] EWCA Crim 1798: Appeal against conviction. Leading authority on timing and content of 'Watson Directions' (Crown)

Heath, Miller & Matthew v Government of the United States of America [2002] UKPC 3: Extradition to the US and the conformity of the 1870 Act with the St Christopher and Nevis constitution (US Government)

Appointments / Professional

- Education Watford Grammar School for Boys
- BSc (Hons) Manchester
- Inns of Court School of Law
- Memberships
- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Middle Temple
- Member of Tower Hamlets Educational Appeals Tribunal

- Secretary of the 'Pillion Trust' Charity
- Volunteer 'Shelter from the Storm' Islington