



ST. PAULS CHAMBERS

GUY KEARL QC



Personal Details:

D.O.B :-	1959
Called to the Bar :-	1982
Appointed Recorder of the Crown Court	1999
Queens Counsel	2002

Career Details:

Head of St Paul's Chambers in Leeds with a door tenancy at 2 Bedford Row, London.

Described as '**seriously impressive**' in the 2008 Legal 500 his main areas of practice include, criminal fraud for both defence and prosecution, regulatory breach and serious crime.

Lecturer in the defence of complex fraud trials.

Prosecutor for the Serious Fraud Office.

Described in the 2004 Legal 500 as 'tactically astute', he is recommended as a noted fraud defence specialist.

He has experience of extradition and the obtaining and use of evidence from abroad.

Judicial review cases involving financial and regulatory bodies.

Recently advised the Court of Appeal of the Netherlands in respect of intercepted telecommunications and public interest immunity.

Leading Cases:

Fraud

Regularly instructed by leading fraud solicitors (both previously as a junior, and subsequently as a QC) specialising in 'white collar crime'.

Covers all areas of fraud related crime including diversion frauds, money laundering, financial services fraud, both regulatory and criminal, and VAT, Tax and mortgage frauds.

1. R v Earley
1998 Knightsbridge Crown Court. £3 million share fraud by 18 year old stock market investor.
2. R v Abraham
1999 Leeds Crown Court. Leading junior prosecuting mortgage fraud by financial advisor.
3. R v Chaggar
2000 Leeds Crown Court. SFO Prosecution, money laundering operation run through high street travel agents.
4. R v Davis
2001 Leeds Crown Court. National mortgage fraud by property developer.
5. R v Papworth
2003 Liverpool Crown Court. The downfall of Hadleigh plc.
6. R v Coleman
2003 Leeds Crown Court. Plywood International Ltd fraud.

Regulatory Breach

7. R v P.F.E.
2002 Leeds Crown Court. Regulatory Breach resulting in death of employee.
8. R v Yorkshire Electricity
2002 York Crown Court. Regulatory Breach resulting in death of employee.
9. R v Leeds City Council
2003 Leeds Crown Court. Regulatory Breach by teachers resulting in death of 2 school children.

Crime

Considerable experience in asset seizure and DTA cases. Defends and prosecutes regularly in murder cases and has extensive experience relating to large scale drug importation cases and operations.

10. R v Takhar
2000 Stafford Crown Court. Leading junior defending one of nine accused of a series of 14 armed robberies including shooting a police officer and torture.

11. R v Biggs

2001. Instructed as junior Counsel for Ronald Biggs, Guy Kearn supervised his arrival

back into the UK and his appearance in Court. He drafted the representations to the Home Office and the Criminal Cases Review Commission on behalf of Ronnie Biggs, and continues to act.

12. R v Barnes

2002 Leeds Crown Court. Customs & Excise prosecution involving £25m excise fraud.

13. Operation Stirrup

2001/2002. Prosecution operation concerning the importation of large consignments of cocaine from Jamaica into the United Kingdom.

14. R v Coveley

Hull Crown Court. Prosecution – Extradition and fraud – Canada.

15. R v Forsyth

2003 Defence – Extradition and fraud – Australia.