



## Tim Godfrey

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Tim has a busy criminal practice both prosecuting and defending. He is a specialist in financial crime as well as serious and organised crime cases and regulatory work.

As grade 4 counsel, Tim prosecutes serious and complex cases for the CPS, frequently as a leading junior. His experience encompasses cases brought by HMRC, the HSE, BIS (now BEIS) and The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency as well as serious violent crime.

Tim is instructed in defence work around the country and has considerable experience of defending in matters including fraud, money laundering and large-scale drugs trials.

Tim has expertise in dealing with stand-alone applications relating to cash and asset forfeiture, confiscation and preventative orders such as sexual harm prevention orders. He advises the police and prosecution agencies in the sensitive areas of search warrants and legal professional privilege, e.g. for the LIBOR investigation, the Grenfell Tower Fire investigation and relating to terrorism suspects and mutual legal assistance.

## Crime

### Violent Crime

Tim has prosecuted to conviction multi-handed shooting / firearms cases investigated by the Met's Trident Gang Crime Command, leading to very substantial sentences for the offenders. Tim is adept at dealing with cases involving reluctant witnesses, difficult PII matters and sensitive material.

- **R v H & Others (2016)** Prosecuting gang case concerning possession of firearms and ammunition with intent to endanger life, and related possession of Class A drugs with intent. The principal offender received 19 years imprisonment.
- **R v B & Others (2016)** Prosecuting gang case concerning a shooting in the Jamaican community in Edmonton. The principal offender received 16 years imprisonment.
- **R v B & A (2012)** Prosecuting gang crime case concerning firearms and Class A drugs in which a

firearm was discharged at the home address of a young mother and her child.

- **R v M (2011)** Defending a young Polish man accused of affray and related offences against the person arising out of a confrontation with a group of local men. An acquittal was secured on all counts.

## **Fraud and Business Crime**

Tim is an established business crime specialist, having been instructed by the Serious Fraud Office in a number of high profile matters since 2005. He has particular expertise dealing with cases with an international dimension, and in which there are related civil proceedings. Tim also advises and acts for individuals and companies, where his experience of prosecuting enables him to give clients well-informed, tactically astute and realistic advice.

- **R v A & 5 Others (2017)** Instructed by the SFO to prosecute a fraud on further education colleges and the Skills Funding Agency relating to the provision of apprenticeship training.
- **R v T and 5 others (2015)** Leading junior in prosecution of Santander bank employees for wide ranging fraud on customers' accounts. The case required detailed understanding of the bank's computing systems and audit processes.
- **R v W and Ponsford (2014)** HMRC prosecution of company directors in the railway industry in a complex VAT and corporation tax fraud of approx. £6m and subsequent confiscation proceedings (ongoing).
- **R v A (2013)** Leading junior in prosecution of a carer for the elderly who cheated three victims of their savings and, in one case, of title to her home. The case involved mutual legal assistance, linked Court of Protection proceedings and evidence from a victim suffering from dementia assisted by an intermediary.

## **Professional Disciplinary & Regulatory**

Regulatory and Disciplinary work is an established area of Tim's practice. He has represented organisations and individuals in tribunals, including the disciplinary committee of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), as well as in the criminal courts in relation to environmental offences, food safety regulation, licensing and health and safety breaches. Tim is authorised to accept instructions where appropriate directly from the public.

- **NMC v SB (2016)** Representing the registrant nurse in contested proceedings in which it was alleged her fitness to practice was impaired by reason of mental ill health. Cross examination of expert (psychiatrist). The registrant was permitted to practice without restriction
- **Southampton City Council v C (2014)** Representing the defendant company in proceedings relating to environmental offences. Guilty pleas were entered.
- **ACCA v H (2014)** Representing the respondent in contested proceedings before the

disciplinary committee of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, said to have improperly held himself out as an accountant when not entitled to practise.

- **Brent LBC v K (2014)** Defending a landlord in contested proceedings brought by the local authority for breach of planning regulations.

## **Education**

LL.B (Hons) Sheffield

## **Memberships**

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)