



Principle areas of practice

Fraud
Money-laundering
Corporate crime
Organised crime
Murder
Drugs offences/drug-trafficking
'Abuse of process' cases

Ian McMeekin has been involved in many significant and high profile cases, especially those concerning issues of disclosure, and was counsel instructed by the National Probation Service to advise on disclosure in cases of sensitivity. He is currently preparing for a terrorist case due to start in 2011. Although normally defending, he sometimes prosecutes. Examples are below.

'A very busy practitioner who is "as popular with the Bench as he is with the rest of the Bar".' Recommended in Band 1 – Chambers Directory

'Unflappable and determined' – The Legal 500

NOTABLE CASES

DEFENCE CASES - EXAMPLES:

DISCLOSURE:

R v Winston Brown - Leading case on disclosure (House of Lords). Pre-CPIA but still cited.

R v Coghlan and others - Long-running gangland murder case stayed for abuse (non-disclosure).

R v Hadley (and others) (as in R v H and C) - Appeal of Hadley (as in R v H and C – leading case on disclosure) in which defendant was acquitted on appeal based on non-disclosure; reported case.

Murder/manslaughter:

R v Towey - Manchester murder tried at Central Criminal Court (defendant acquitted).

R v McAteer and another - Hitman murder tried in Liverpool: one of first cases involving cell-site analysis. Supergrass case (acquitted on submission of no case).

R v Simmonds (and others) - Gangland assassination: defendant said to be part of shooting party. Super-grass case. Defendant acquitted.

R v Ruthven (and others) - Gangland murder leading to acquittal based on cell-site analysis.

R v Matthews and Morris and others - Gangland killing. Unique arrangements for trial of defendants running cut-throat defences.

R v Amos and others (Operation Viola) - One of the largest ever gangland operations (involving series of murders) in North-West aimed at wiping out well-known Manchester gang.

R v Concannon - Reported murder trial and appeal based on joint enterprise and compatibility with Article 6 HRA.

Appeal of Thomas Bourke - Alleged to be responsible for double killing of MOT inspectors in Manchester.

R v Taylor - Reported case on death by dangerous driving.

R v Sharpe - Murder

SERIOUS CRIME:

R v Monczakowski - One of the first DNA cases. Serving police officer accused of serious sexual assault.

DRUGS:

R v Lockyer and others (Operation Bullhead) - Lengthy drugs case involving examination of senior police officers on the admissibility of covert recordings.

R v Deafern - Large scale drugs importation trial involving supergrass.

FRAUD:

R v McCabe and others (Operation Decathlon) - Complex mortgage fraud based in North-West of England.

PROSECUTION – EXAMPLE:

R v Taylor - Prosecution of a man who stabbed a woman to death after she had complained to police, leading to a large-scale police enquiry.

EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

Leeds University and City University