



For the first 10 years or so, Neil had a general common law practice including family, personal injury and largely criminal law. Over the last few years he has practised solely in crime as it has become increasingly specialised. He has a healthy mixture of both prosecution and defence work. Neil is a member of the Northern Circuit and of the Criminal Bar Association.

He is a Grade 4 prosecutor (2007) and also prosecutes theft and fraud for the Post Office. He deals with cases involving the Serious Organised Crime Agency (S.O.C.A).

He is regularly instructed on all manner of cases, including murder, rape, firearms, robbery and drugs.

#### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Bar Call/Inn - 1989 - Middle Temple

## NOTABLE CASES

Scarlett & Ors 2003 - One of the largest ever cannabis importation cases in the UK.

Walker 2003 - A drugs related headless corpse murder.

Butt & Gordon 2004 - The Pit Bull Crew gangland murder Conviction Appeal on joint enterprise.

Read 2005 - Paedophile murderer.

Matthews & Ors 2006 - Drugs related murder with screens in the dock between defendants.

Arain & Ors - Operation Rochefort, prosecuting 14-handed set top box fraud.

Cheng 2006 - Arson with intent to endanger life. Non-English speaking defendant blowing up own home, represented by his son and McKenzie friend.

Keenan & Ors 2006/8 - Operation Proportion, prosecuting 26 defendants for class A drugs supply.

Chapman & Ors 2007 - Operation Tea, conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

Maisha Mohammed 2007 - Rare prosecution of Child Destruction under Infant Life Preservation Act 1929.

Bourke 2007 (from 1993) - Conviction Appeal in the Stockport MOT testers double murder.

Brooks 2007 - Multiple rapist.

Blair & Ors 2007 - Double murder.

Dowie & Ors 2007/8 - Operation Moth, Cocaine factory conspiracy.

Swellings & Ors 2007/8 - Neil acted for the youngest defendant, aged 15, in the Gary Newlove murder in Warrington, heard at Chester Crown Court, which resulted in an acquittal for his client.

2008 R v Laurie - Murder

2008 R v Halliday - Murder

2008 R v Samuels - Child sex abuse

2008 R v Miller - Child sex abuse

2008 R v Butt - Blackmail and explosives

2008/9 R v Ryder et al - Op. Wadden - Conspiracy to rob

2008/9 R v Sampson et al - Op. Recessed - Conspiracy to rob

2008/9 R v Howarth et al - Op. Agincourt - Conspiracy to rob

2008/9 R v Dobson - Historic rapes

2008/9 In re Baby A - Baby shaking/ Child neglect

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- 2009 R v Cox - Double murder
  - 2009 R v Leon Smith - Attempted murder/ s.18 of police officer
  - 2008/9 R v Dougill et al - Large scale fraud on Eon
  - 2008/9 R v Prince - Large scale fraud on lottery winner
  - 2008/9 R v Ahmed - Complex Police Computer Misuse
  - 2008/9 R v Aaron Coghlan - Police assault
  - 2008/9 R v Knox et al - Ops Minister and Blythe - Police corruption & Conspiracy to supply drugs
  - 2009 R v Anderson and Lee - Attempted murder

## EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

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LLB (Hons) Leicester University

Neil is particularly computer literate and welcomes instructions by email.