



## SPECIALISATION

Crime (prosecution and defence)

Described by Chambers UK as “a great jury advocate who continues to fight the fight in the North” and “praised for his wisdom and authority”, and by Legal 500 as “a superb advocate who takes serious fraud instructions nationally and who has a good name for commercial crime”, Paul is a criminal specialist who appears for the prosecution and the defence in all types of serious crime.

He has wide experience of all types of serious crime, including murder, manslaughter, fraud, money laundering, drugs importation etc, both at first instance and in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division). With a reputation as a formidable cross-examiner and jury advocate he is as much at home in a gangland murder case as he is in dealing with experts in a shaken baby case or in the intricacies of investment fraud.

He has appeared in many murder cases involving issues of joint enterprise, causation, diminished responsibility, provocation, shaken baby syndrome and battered wife syndrome. In the Jules Lowe case he conducted the successful defence of sleepwalking (automatism) in what is now the leading case in medico/legal literature. He has experience of several so-called “honour killings” in the Asian community. He has dealt with cases of gross negligence manslaughter involving firearms, drugs and motor vehicles.

His fraud practice includes investment and bank trading fraud, carousel fraud and electoral fraud.

He has been involved in many high profile cases including his defence of the Stone Roses, his defence of “Doctor” Gene Morrison (featured in the Sunday Times and BBC programme “Crime Scene Conman”), and his prosecution of Rahan Arshad, the taxi driver who murdered his wife and three children before fleeing to Thailand (featured in the BBC programme “Honour Kills”). He is recognised for the heavyweight work he attracts.

## NOTABLE CASES

**R v Francis & Francis (2010) Manchester Crown Court.** Drive by shooting by identical twins in gangland drug related murder (prosecution).

**R v Thompson, Hughes & Burke (2010) Preston Crown Court.** Brutal drugs related murder (prosecution).

**R v Otway (2009) Manchester Crown Court.** Execution of victim with a firearm. Anonymous witnesses; main prosecution witness hostile, trying to throw the trial; cell siting evidence (defence).

**R v Shaughnessy (2008) Liverpool Crown Court.** Substantial investment fraud. Over £23million invested in highly speculative scheme to process gold and other precious metals from waste fly ash obtained in the US from power stations. Prime bank instrument fraud raising issues of international finance, investment, securities, inter-bank trading etc together with advance fee fraud on those defrauding the original investors. Defendant a former police officer (defence).

**R v Murray [2008] EWCA Crim 1792 (CCA).** Appellant had insisted on pleading guilty to murder of her daughter in the face of clear evidence of diminished responsibility. Approach to her appeal against conviction where her decision to plead guilty to murder was affected by her medical condition, which also substantially diminished her responsibility for the killing (prosecution).

**R v Diamond [2008] EWCA Crim 923 [2008] MHLR 124 (CCA).** Instructed by CCA to offer assistance on the relationship between diminished responsibility and fitness to plead where a different defence had been run at trial. Admission of fresh evidence of mental impairment (schizophrenia) 10 years after killing (defence).

**R v Hulme (Joseph) [2009] 2 Cr.App.R.(S.) 9 Preston Crown Court and CCA.** Murder and brutal beating up of “Goths” in Bacup Park. Approach to sentencing guidelines for young offenders convicted of grave offences of violence (defence).

**R v Gore (Lisa Therese) (Deceased) [2007] EWCA Crim 2789, [2008] Crim LR 388 (CCA).** CCRC reference. Leading case on mens rea required for Infanticide (prosecution).

**Operation Tancred (2007 & 2008) Preston Crown Court.** Prosecution of multi-million pound damp-proofing swindle. Featured in BBC programme “Rogue Traders: You’re Nicked”, an investigation into a damp-proofing company run by a criminal gang who had been conning millions of pounds out of the elderly. Following the trail from Britain to Portugal, “the investigators found a sinister scam hidden beneath the luxury lifestyle of a criminal mastermind” (prosecution).

**R v Collis (2007) Preston Crown Court.** Killing of wife and disposal of body in Scottish highlands. Complex evidence concerning the recovery of information from mobile phone memories and ANPR evidence (defence).

**R v Peniston (2007) Manchester Crown Court.** Gross negligence manslaughter of defendant's 12 year old sister using hand gun hidden by his mother (prosecution).

**R v Rahan Arshad (2007) Manchester Crown Court.** Planned murder by Cheadle Hulme taxi driver of his wife and three children in their home before fleeing to Thailand. Whole life minimum term. Featured in BBC programme “Honour Kills” (prosecution).

**R v Gene Morrison (2007) Manchester Crown Court (Minshull St).** Bogus forensic scientist “Doctor” Gene Morrison who posed as an expert in handwriting, drugs, lie-detection, toxicology, facial mapping and finger prints. Featured in Sunday Times and BBC programme “Crime Scene Conman” (defence).

**R v Jones (2006 & 2007) Manchester & Liverpool Crown Courts.** Gangland execution of rival drug dealer. Main witness a convicted co-accused giving detailed evidence of the defendants' alleged involvement (defence).

**R v Stoker (2006) Manchester Crown Court.** Death of baby with non-accidental head injuries. Complex medical evidence involving several disciplines (defence).

**R v Mozaquir Ali (2006) Preston Crown Court.** Election fraud by councillor in local election postal voting (defence).

**R v Brophy (2005) Southwark Crown Court.** Millennium Dome fraud (defence).

**R v Jules Lowe (2005) Manchester Crown Court.** Successful defence of sleepwalking (automatism) to murder of father. Now the leading case in medico/legal literature. See [2005] Crim L.R. 601 & 614 (defence).

**R v Faqir Mohammed [2005] EWCA Crim 1880 Manchester Crown Court and CCA.** First case in Court of Appeal (Crim Div) on provocation after Privy Council decision in Holley. Murder of daughter by father seeking to rely on religious/cultural beliefs as relevant to loss of self control in so-called "honour killing" (prosecution).

**R v Quillan & others [2005] 2 Cr.App.R.(S.) 64 Preston Crown Court and CCA.** First case in Court of Appeal (Crim Div) after introduction of Sentencing Guidelines and their application to minimum terms to be served in cases of murder (defence).

**R v Greaves & others (2004) Manchester Crown Court and CCA.** First case in Court of Appeal (Crim Div) in which Special Counsel was appointed to consider Public Interest Immunity before the CCA (prosecution).

**R v Greenwood [2004] EWCA Crim 1388, [2004] 6 Archbold News 4 Liverpool Crown Court and CCA.** Approach to information or "evidence" that another person committed, or may have committed, the offence charged. "Body in the River Ribble" case – detailed confession by defendant three years after offence and subsequent retraction; psychology of false confessions (prosecution).

**R v Wilson (2004) Chester Crown Court.** Drug related gangland torture and murder at Cheshire farm involving undercover BBC/Channel 4 journalist (defence).

**R v Rebecca Hodgson (2003) Manchester Crown Court.** Manslaughter by gross negligence in "Galgate ecstasy" case in which a young child died (defence).

**R v Callaghan (2003) Manchester Crown Court.** Conspiracy to murder - shootings by rival Moss Side gangs (defence).

**R v Whiteley & Taylor (2002) Manchester Crown Court.** "Bonnie and Clyde" New Year's Eve murder of retired journalist (prosecution).

**R v Burns (2002) Chester Crown Court.** Bank trading fraud (defence).

**R v Skidmore (2002) Birmingham Crown Court.** Computer parts VAT/duty carousel fraud (defence).

**R v Garrity (2002) Preston Crown Court.** Historic murder of Lancaster petrol pump attendant 25 years previously (defence).

**Stone Roses (1990) Wolverhampton Crown Court.** Defending Ian Brown, Alan "Reni" Wren, John Squire & Gary Mountfield on criminal damage charge arising from dispute with former record label.

## EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

Merchant Taylors School, Crosby.

Christ's College, Cambridge 1968-1972 M.A. Engineering (Exhibitioner & Vickers Cambridge Scholarship).

Member of the Criminal Bar Association.

Junior of the Northern Circuit (1976).

Recorder.

## PERSONAL

Tennis, amateur dramatics, acoustic guitar, football.