

"An outstanding junior counsel for heavyweight matters" - Legal 500

Gerard is highly skilled in criminal defence advocacy and advice. His crime related work includes a wide range of areas including the Home Office, judicial review, confiscation and proceeds of crime.

He is regularly instructed as both leading and junior counsel in serious criminal cases including: drugs, firearms, fraud, homicide, indecency, money laundering, public disorder, rape, robbery, terrorism and violence.

Gerard is instructed for the Appellant in the Court of Appeal and Divisional Court with instructions including: appeals against conviction and sentence and judicial review.

Much of Gerard's recent work involves in a number of large scale cases including drugs supply, money laundering, ancillary confiscation orders, murder, and fraud.

Gerard has a keen interest in developing his practice into the area of inquest and he will happily accept instructions.

Drugs

Serious and complex drug importations and distribution have for a long time featured in Gerard's practice. He has for many years been involved in cases involving large scale and sophisticated enterprises concerning the movement of drugs into and around the United Kingdom.

R v Hussain – Stafford Crown Court - Drugs Supply - Successful Telephone Attribution Argument

- R v Duffy Liverpool Crown Court Nationwide Drugs Supply
- R v Haroon Leeds Drugs Supply and Money Laundering
- R v Khan Manchester Crown Court Drugs Supply Manchester to Bradford
- R v Faulder Carlisle Crown Court Cannabis Farm
- R v Ullah Khan Bolton Crown Court Drugs supply
- R v Dolan Birmingham Crown Court Drugs supply between Liverpool and London
- R v Page Newcastle Crown Court Drugs Supply Trafficking between Liverpool and North East of UK
- R v Bloch Liverpool Crown Court International Drugs and Firearms Importation
- R v Thompson Liverpool Crown Court £166m Drugs Importation

Fraud & Money Laundering

Fraud and Money Laundering is an area of the law in which Gerard has always held a strong hand. He has been instructed both a Junior and Leading Counsel in VAT Carousel Fraud and computer based Banking Fraud as well as Frauds Against Copyright. Gerard has completed a major fraud perpetrated against Astra Zenica and the complex confiscation proceedings that followed, He was also instructed in a case concerning a Waste Disposal Fraud against Trafford Borough Council involving 14 Defendants.

- R v Lagan "Operation Bayweek" Large scale VAT diversion Fraud (Alcohol and Tobacco)
- R v Virmani Banking Fraud , Money Laundering, Businessman Defendant duped by fraudsters.
- R v Parry Money Laundering allegations. Involving arguments on admissibility of Mas Spec evidence.
- R v Khan Mortgage fraud
- R v Hibbert Fraud committed against Astra Zenica
- R v Bennetto Internet based Fraud Counterfeit Software
- R v Eccles Property Fraud Advanced Investments
- R v Wilson-Gill Construction Industry Pay Roll Fraud
- **R v Cottam** Construction Industry Fraud and Money Laundering

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Dishonesty

R v Maughan - Planned Raids of Commercial Units

R v Flint - Metal Cable Theft

R v Adams – Lorry Hijacking

Sexual Offences

Rochdale Sex Abuse Case – The first prosecution of Asian men charged with sexual offence committed against young teenage girls in Rochdale.

R v Taheri – Grooming of Afghani refugee

R v Johns – Historic Sexual and Violence allegations

Professional Discipline

Gerard regularly deals with many cases appearing before the General Medical Council including many IOTs, reviews and high court applications

As well as the above areas of law, Gerard has extensive experience dealing with a wide range of cases such as violence, regulatory matters, and inquests.



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