

For the first 10 years or so of his practice, 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 and is a Grade 4 prosecutor (2007). He 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.

Criminal Law

R v Scarlett & Ors – One of the largest ever cannabis importation cases in the UK.

R v Walker – A drugs related headless corpse murder.

R v Butt & Gordon – The Pit Bull Crew gangland murder Conviction Appeal on joint enterprise.

R v Read – Paedophile murderer.

R v Matthews & Ors – Drugs related murder with screens in the dock between defendants.

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

R v Cheng – 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.

R v Chapman & Ors – Operation Tea, conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

R v Maisha Mohammed – Rare prosecution of Child Destruction under Infant Life Preservation Act 1929.

R v Bourke (from 1993) – Conviction Appeal in the Stockport MOT testers double murder.

R v Brooks – Multiple rapist.

Blair & Ors – Double murder.

Dowie & Ors – 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.

R v Laurie – Murder

R v Halliday – Murder 2008 R v Samuels - Child sex abuse

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R v Miller – Child sex abuse 2008 R v Butt - Blackmail and explosives R v Butt – Blackmail and explosives R v Ryder et al – Op. Wadden - Conspiracy to rob R v Sampson et al – Op. Recessed - Conspiracy to rob R v Howarth et al – Op. Agincourt - Conspiracy to rob R v Dobson – Historic rapes 2008/9 In re Baby A - Baby shaking/Child neglect R v Cox – Double murder R v Leon Smith – Attempted murder/ s.18 of police officer R v Dougill et al – Large scale fraud on Eon R v Prince – Large scale fraud on lottery winner 2 R v Ahmed – Complex Police Computer Misuse 2008/9 R v Aaron Coghlan - Police assault R v Knox et al – Ops Minister and Blythe - Police corruption & Conspiracy to supply drugs R v Anderson and Lee – Attempted murder



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