

Andrew Jefferies QC was called to the bar in 1990, made Silk in 2009 and was appointed a Recorder of the Crown Court (Northern Circuit) in 2016.

Andrew's practice is generally split into four main areas, homicide, fraud, sexual offences and large scale drug offences. His expertise in these areas follows through to Appeal Work and Proceeds of Crime.

Murder and Manslaughter

Andrew has represented those charged with all forms of homicide offences including murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, death by dangerous driving, domestic killings, contract killings, infanticide, the death of vulnerable adults, body destruction/dismemberment/concealment, gang related murders and multiple murders.

Andrew has considerable experience in representing both very young defendants and vulnerable defendants. He has conducted many murder cases with a mental health element, often diminished responsibility, including a 14 year old boy with autism/Asperger's.

Given Andrew's frequent instruction in gang related cases and multi handed matters, a substantial number of his homicide cases have involved complex joint enterprise arguments. He was instructed in the Blue Lagoon Murder, the East London Matalan murder and more recently, the Manchester Moss Side Gang related Murder (Operation Troop).

Fraud

Throughout his career, Andrew has been instructed in a wide variety of high value fraud cases. He represented the first defendant in one of the first and, at the time, largest Hawala banking system frauds (valued at £34 million). He has appeared in cases concerning car ringing, asset stripping, long firm frauds (a restaurant and a chain of shops), simple VAT frauds and, over a period of 9 months an MTIC fraud operating from Liverpool, Manchester, London and Ireland. More recently he has conducted a complex carbon credit trading fraud.

Sexual Offences

Andrew has represented those charged with sexual offences, both historic and recent. Andrew has a specialist knowledge of the section 41 regime in respect of the limitation placed on cross-examination of complainants of rape. He conducts robust but fair cross-examination of vulnerable witnesses. He is thorough and pays a great deal of attention to detail. As junior counsel, Andrew was instrumental in removing a number of offences aimed at gay men from the statute book and represented the youngest of the "Bolton 7". He has expertise in cross-examining children and older complainants about historic allegations. Andrew is well known for his very thorough knowledge of the disclosure rules in this regard and has been involved in cross-jurisdictional matters which involve family court proceedings.

In 2013, he appeared in the Oxford Grooming Trial, representing one of the main defendants. Andrew has represented defendants in large national and international drug supply and importation trials throughout his career.

Private Client

Andrew is regularly instructed to represent privately funded individuals in the full spectrum of criminal offences. His private service covers cases in the Magistrates, Crown Court and the Court of Appeal Criminal Division.

Notable Cases

R v Wright – Operation Troop, 18 year old defendant in substantial gang related murder case

Blue Lagoon Murder – Vulnerable Adult and Body concealment

R v Alam – Hawala Banking System Fraud.

R v Nelson – Long firm fraud and asset stripping connected.

R v How – 9-month long MTIC fraud concerning mobile phones UK-Eire.

R v H – Carbon credit fraud.

R v G and R – Recklessness; overturning of Caldwell.

R v L – Dual jurisdiction of the criminal and family courts.



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R v Clift – Double jeopardy and murder.

R v C – Representing 14 year old boy with autism/asperger's who was charged with murder.

R v East – Large scale car ringing operation in Luton.

R v Pinder – Large scale DSS fraud.

R v Njie – Simple VAT reclaim fraud.

R v Saint – Rape/bad character.

R v S – Oxford Grooming Trail.

R v B – Bolton 7.

Appointments

Called to the Bar - 1990

Queen's Counsel - 2009

Recorder for the Crown Court (Northern Circuit) - 2016



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