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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Crime

Philip is frequently instructed in multi-handed conspiracies involving serious organised crime. He has experience being led, and appearing as a leading junior. He is a level 4 prosecutor and is included within the CPS rape panel. He often defends and prosecutes rapes and serious sexual allegations in the Crown Court, and has been instructed to defend in a number of historic institutional abuse cases across the country.

DIRECTORIES

"Highly experienced in fraud and complex criminal casework". – Legal 500 2009

MEMBERSHIPS

Criminal Bar Association

PROFILE OVERVIEW

Phil prosecutes and defends serious and organised crime. He is a level 4 prosecutor and a member of the RASSO panel. He has been involved in a number of high profile cases in recent years and has considerable experience as leading junior counsel in serious and complex cases.

NOTABLE CASES

Operation Anthropic - Defending allegations of terrorist offences

Operation Aloft - Defending allegations of bribery involving Liverpool City Council executives and local contractors

Operation View - Prosecuting driver of motor vehicle accused of deliberately driving vehicle into crowds at public event

Operation Textile - Defending multi-handed conspiracy to evade duty on imported cigarettes worth approximately £8 million

Operation Studio - Defending multi-handed conspiracy to defraud within construction industry

Operation Chess - Defended multi-handed conspiracies to possess automatic firearms with intent to endanger life, supply Class A drugs and convert criminal property

Operation Thirtieth - Prosecuted multi handed conspiracy to import heroin from Pakistan and distribute within England and Wales.

Operation Greenbank - Prosecuted youth for murder of young children at a dance event and associated terrorist offences

Operation Hummingbird - Prosecuted neonatal nurse for murder and attempted murder of babies in her care