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"First-rate" **Chambers UK 2018**

"First-choice" **Legal 500 2017**

Crime Junior of the Year - Chambers and Partners Bar Awards 2015

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Details of practice

A specialist in serious crime and fraud, both prosecuting and defending; frequently led and often instructed as a leading junior. His practice is predominantly based in London.

In July 2014, the Attorney General appointed Bill as Junior Treasury Counsel at the Central Criminal Court. In May 2019 he was appointed Senior Treasury Counsel.

Nominated as Crime Junior of the Year at the Chambers and Partners Bar Awards 2010.

In addition to Criminal work, Bill has a substantial Professional Discipline practice and appears regularly before Disciplinary tribunals and in Inquests.

Crime:

A respected senior junior, Bill is highly sought after in high profile and heavyweight crime, typically for cases of homicide and/or organised crime. As Treasury Counsel, he prosecutes some of the Old Bailey's most challenging and high profile murder cases, and is very experienced in dealing with complex multi-handed trials. He also has particular experience and expertise in Misconduct in Public Office cases, and is regularly instructed to defend police officers (ie in the recent News International cases).

Professional Discipline

In addition to representing police officers in the criminal courts, Bill has extensive experience of appearing for officers at Misconduct Hearings, in the Metropolitan Police and a wide range of other Police Forces. Bill also regularly represents Police Officers in Inquests and before the Police Appeals Tribunal.



Directory recommendations

"An exemplary advocate, who is hard-working, conscientious and good on client care. He has a keen and ready understanding of the way instructing solicitors operate." **Chambers UK 2020: Crime**

"Totally dedicated, incredibly well prepared, and someone whose client care skills are exemplary." **Chambers UK 2018: Crime**

"Excellent. Thorough, charming and effective" **Chambers UK 2017: Professional Discipline**

"A first-choice junior – everyone has complete confidence in him"; "he has flawless advocacy and client care skills" **Legal 500 2017**

"He is a supreme intellect and a jury-friendly advocate who exudes calm." **Chambers UK 2016: Crime**

'He has a lovely manner, he is excellent on technical points and he is down to earth. Clients like him and judges like him.' **Chambers UK 2015: Crime**

'A man with a high level of intellect, he cross-examines with devastating effect.' 'He is charming and goes an extra mile to defend police officers.' **Chambers UK 2015: Professional Discipline**

"One of the most highly recommended juniors, he is "supremely gifted as a criminal lawyer. Judges always listen to his submissions attentively." **Chambers UK 2014: Crime**

"Breathtakingly good... Organised, hard-working, light on his feet and very clever," he is somebody who is tipped to go very far in the future. **Chambers UK 2013: Crime**

Education/professional qualifications

LLB (Hons) Soton 1993

Appointments

Junior Treasury Counsel 2014
Senior Treasury Counsel 2019

Notable cases

Murder/Manslaughter

R v KL

Old Bailey

Bill is presently instructed in the murder trial arising from the discovery of the body of 22 year old Iuliana Tudos in Finsbury Park, Christmas 2017.

R v Arshid

Old Bailey

Bill prosecuted Mujahid Arshid in the "body in the freezer" case; Arshid had kidnapped his niece and a second female victim, taken them to an empty house where he raped them before murdering one and attempting to murder the other.

R v Das

Old Bailey

Bill appeared to prosecute in this dreadful case involving a hammer attack on two 16-month old babies, leaving one (the defendant's son) dead and the other seriously injured.

R v Bulhan

Old Bailey

Bill prosecuted the Russell Square killer, who ran amok with a knife stabbing 6 tourists, leaving an American woman lying dead.

R v Roome

Old Bailey

Bill prosecuted two young defendants charged with the murder of "celebrity bodyguard" Ricky Hayden.

R v Stephen Port

Old Bailey

Bill prosecuted the Barking based "Grindr serial killer", who met and murdered four young men he met using gay dating social media; he lured them to his flat where he overdosed them with the 'date rape' drug, GHB, in order to satisfy his fetish for having sex with men whilst they were unconscious.

R v Warnock

Old Bailey

Bill prosecuted the "cold case" murder and rape of teenager Yiannoulla Yianni, who was found dead in her Hampstead home in the summer of 1982. Her killer, having escaped justice for over 30 years, was caught when arrested for possession of child pornography and required to give a DNA sample which provided a match with material preserved from the scene of the original crime.

R v SH

Old Bailey

Bill and Alex Cameron QC represented one of three men tried for the murder of a man whose body was recovered in ten pieces from an Essex Lake – of the three only Bill's client was acquitted of murder.

R v MW

Winchester Crown Court

Bill acted for the defence (with Patrick Gibbs QC) in the tragic case of a killing by a paranoid schizophrenic who was found to be unfit to stand trial.

Terrorism

R v Ali, Hussain, Rahman and Aziz

Bill prosecuted "the three musketeers" trial, involving a foiled jihadi bomb plot in Birmingham.

R v Mustafa Abdullah

Bill prosecuted a gun-obsessed Londoner who returned from Syria in possession with training videos designed to educate would-be Jihadis in the use and maintenance of firearms. Photographs recovered from his telephone showed him in camouflage gear, armed with an assault rifle.

Organised Crime

R v CP and others

Blackfriars Crown Court

Leading prosecuting counsel in multi-million pound, international money laundering case

R v MR and others

Snaresbrook Crown Court

Junior counsel for the defence of man alleged to be second in command of a prolific gang of armed cash-in-transit robbers.

R v Asif and others

Reading Crown Court

Leading prosecution counsel in multi-handed heroin importation.

Misconduct in Public Office/Police work**R v SS**

Bill successfully defended an officer of the National Crime Agency charged with historic sexual offences.

Operation Elveden

Old Bailey

Bill has represented four police officers prosecuted for selling stories to News International newspapers.

R v John Caulfield (PC JC)

Southwark Crown Court

Successful defence of an on-duty Metropolitan police officer accused of a violent assault on a French tourist who he had caught urinating in Hoxton Square.

R v PC MP

Southwark Crown Court

Successfully defended Metropolitan Police Officer who was accused of sexually assaulting a member of the public under the pretence of searching her for drugs.

R v PC SW

Kingston Crown Court

Defended one of 5 TSG officers alleged to have racially abused and assaulted a group of Arabic youths in the Edgware Road, London. All five were acquitted.

R v PC NT

Northampton Crown Court

Instructed alone to defend a West Midlands officer accused, but acquitted, of laundering money from a multi-million pound VAT missing trader fraud. Prosecuted by former Solicitor General, Sir Derek Spencer QC.

Inquests**Inquest touching the death of MS**

Representing five Thames Valley police officers involved in a pursuit of a suspect vehicle, which crashed resulting in the driver's death.

Inquest touching the death of KB

Representing two police officers who had been driving after a suspect vehicle, which then crashed resulting in the driver's death.

Inquest touching the death of JB

Representing a police sergeant whose management of a fatal road accident scene was suggested to have caused a second fatal accident.

Inquest touching the death of LC

Representing a police officer, off duty, who had been accused (but acquitted) of the murder of a barristers' clerk in a nightclub fight.