

Guy Ladenburg

Call: 2000



Guy Ladenburg is an experienced senior junior with a substantial practice in serious and complex crime, fraud, inquests, police misconduct, licensing, and a wide range of regulatory areas.

For many years he has acted for the prosecution and defence, as leading junior, led junior and junior alone, in grave and substantial criminal cases.

Recent cases include murder, violent stranger rape, historic child sex offences, firearms and organized crime.

He has appeared in some of the most substantial and complex fraud cases in recent years, including the notorious Celtic SFO prosecution, and often represents professional defendants. He is co-author to Blackstone's Guide to the Fraud Act (2006).

Guy has represented officers from the majority of police forces in the UK in gross misconduct proceedings and before the PAT, at inquests, and in associated judicial reviews.

He is a very experienced licensing practitioner, representing and advising commercial clients, local authorities and police forces across the full range of licensing-related areas.

Guy is a Grade 4 prosecutor for the CPS for serious crime, general crime and fraud, and is on the 'A' panel list of Specialist Advocates' for Health & Safety and Environmental law.

Crime

Guy defends serious and complex criminal cases in the Crown Court and Court of Appeal, in particular those involving heavy fraud, organized crime, sexual offences and the most serious offences against the person. He acts both as junior

and leading junior.

He is a grade 4 prosecutor for serious crime, general crime and fraud for CPS London. He has defended and prosecuted private prosecutions brought by local authorities for a range of criminal and regulatory offences, including under the Fraud Act. He advises small and medium-sized companies in respect of anti-bribery procedures under the Bribery Act 2010.

He acts privately for clients at the Magistrates' Court.

Notable Crime cases

- **R v Vernon (2018)**

Prosecuted man in respect of historic 1986 aggravated burglary and rape of 68 year old widow.

- **R v Hussein (2018)**

Represented principal defendant in gangland attempted murder.

- **R v Tutton (2017)**

Junior defence counsel representing a 19 year old man of good character alleged to have murdered a 60 year old man in a flat in East London.

- **R v Mansaray (2016)**

Junior defence counsel representing one of eight defendants to be tried for the murder of London teenager Che Labastide-Wellington.

Licensing & Regulatory

An experienced practitioner across the full range of liquor-licensing matters, representing applicants, local authorities and individuals in applications under the 2003 Act, at first instance and appeal. He has represented many landmark London institutions, including the Ritz, the Soho House Group, Bocca di Lupo and Pied a Terre. He also appears on behalf of local residents in opposition to licensing applications. He regularly undertakes advisory work on behalf of the trade, licensing authorities and the police. He is also experienced in Betting and Gaming applications and appeals on behalf of applicants and trade objectors, and has represented defendants in health and safety prosecutions. He frequently provides urgent advice to professional clients across a range of licensing matters, and has appeared in the Administrative Court on behalf of statutory licensing authorities.

He acts for local and statutory authorities in private prosecutions for a range of regulatory offences and enforcement proceedings, and also for defendants.

He acts as presenting counsel in fitness hearings on behalf of the General Dental Council.

He is on the 'A' panel of Specialist Advocates' List for Health & Safety and Environmental law.

Notable Licensing & Regulatory cases

- **Concrete Space (2019)**
Represented Soho House Group venue in obtaining a late night license outside core hours in the Shoreditch special policy area.
- **Vodafone (2018)**
Represented Vodafone at Westminster Magistrates' Court in respect of a breach of the New Roads and Street Works Act.
- **London Borough of Brent v Mannion (2017)**
Acted for landmark William IV pub in statutory nuisance prosecution.
- **Club Flamingo (2017)**
Represented SEV premises in applications before Tower Hamlets Licensing committee for renewal of SEV licence.
- **Ritz Casino v Alshathry (2016)**
Acted for the Ritz in an application for a worldwide freezing order against a debtor.

Financial Crime

Guy has prosecuted and defended numerous serious fraud cases both as junior counsel alone and being led, often acting for professional people alleged to have been involved in complex and substantial conspiracies, including solicitors, accountants and a QC.

Notable Financial Crime cases

- **R v Almeida (Operation Boromo) 2016 - 2017**
Southwark Crown Court.
Defence counsel for the only defendant to be acquitted in Operation Boromo, the DWP's largest ever investigation into an industrial scale fraud on the UK benefits and immigration system. The defendant pleaded guilty to a linked fraud against Eurostar worth in excess of £1m.
- **R v Walker and others (Operation Cotton) 2015 - 2019**
Southwark Crown Court.
Junior Counsel acting on behalf of a solicitor in a land-banking and collective investments scheme prosecution brought by the FCA, followed by protracted contested confiscation proceedings.
- **R v Stephen Davies QC and others (Celtic) 2013/15**
Cardiff Crown Court.
[2014] 1 WLR 2817

[2015] EWHC 263 (QB)

Cardiff Crown Court

Junior counsel representing a commercial silk acquitted of an SFO charge of conspiracy to defraud arising from commercial advice given to a mining company in South Wales in relation to the export of restoration liabilities in the sum of £136 million. Costs were awarded against the SFO.

- **R v Day and others 2013**

Southwark Crown Court

Junior counsel for a defendant governor in the Copland School fraud.

Professional Discipline

He frequently advises and represents police officers from forces throughout the country in inquests, criminal cases and disciplinary proceedings. He also represents the interests of the police in coroner's inquests into deaths in custody and other suspicious deaths. He has acted for officers from forces up and down the land.

He frequently advises and represents the Metropolitan Police in respect of a wide range of matters. He is also experienced in representing military personnel in the UK and overseas in courts martial.

Notable Professional Discipline cases

- **R (BTP) v Reynolds [2019] EWHC 73 Admin**

Represented officer in a PAT and then resisting a judicial review by the BTP of the PAT's decision to re-instate him following a finding of gross misconduct.

- **R (Birks) v MPS & IOPC [2018] EWHC 807 (Admin)**

Represented IOPC as interested party in a judicial review of the investigation into the death of Sean Rigg in 2008.

- **Operation Gluon (2018)**

Represented an officer accused of lying about catastrophic injuries to Julian Coles, a 19 year old student, outside a nightclub.

- **Lincolnshire Police v Colson (2018)**

Represented officer accused of staging a knife attack on himself and prompting a huge police investigation.

Notable Cases

Fraud

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2016 – 2017, Southwark Crown Court

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R v Bohdjalian and others

2014, Southwark Crown Court

Represented principal defendant in diamond fraud prosecution

R v Stephen Davies QC and others

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2013, Southwark Crown Court

Junior counsel for a defendant governor in the Copland School fraud

R v Faichney and others

2011, Blackfriars Crown Court

Junior defence counsel in the Vantis tax avoidance scheme prosecution

R v Abeysinghe and others

2011, Southwark Crown Court

Acted as junior counsel to Sri Lankan singer and film actor alleged to have laundered £60 million through a money exchange

R v Voysey and others

2010, Southwark Crown Court

Privately instructed to represent a defendant in an extensive boiler-room fraud concerning fake companies purporting to sell development land on the site of the London Olympics

R v Ludlam and another

2009, Administrative Court

Represented defendant in civil contempt case arising from fraud investigation

R v Macauley and others

2010, Luton Crown Court

Represented the principal defendant, a mortgage broker, in a substantial six-handed mortgage fraud conspiracy

R v Datta

2004, Middlesex Guildhall

Represented second defendant in the six -week trial of a fraud conducted by employees of Pentax

R v Yiannakas

2003, Inner London Crown Court

Junior defence counsel in lengthy confiscation proceedings following a £50 million carousel fraud

Crime

R v Vernon

2018, Northampton Crown Court

Prosecuted man in respect of historic 1986 aggravated burglary and rape of 68 year old widow.

R v Hussein

2018, Birmingham Crown Court

Represented principal defendant in gangland attempted murder.

R v Raymond

2018, Basildon Crown Court

Represented man who supplied class-A drugs to a teenager who died.

R v Tame

2018, Basildon Crown Court

Represented principal defendant in cannabis farming and money laundering case.

R v MP

2018, Northampton Crown Court

Represented man accused of marital rape.

R v Tutton

2017, Central Criminal Court

Junior defence counsel representing a 19 year old man of good character alleged to have murdered a 60 year old man in a flat in East London.

R v Gould

2017, Bournemouth Crown Court

Represented a female getaway driver for the violent robbery of a jeweller's shop.

R v Potter

2016, Inner London Crown Court

Acted for the prosecution in a trial of a pensioner accused of multiple historic rapes of his daughter.

R v Riley

2016, Kingston Crown Court

Acted for the prosecution of a man who had repeatedly breached a SOPO.

R v Reilly

2016, Isleworth Crown Court

Represented a man accused of historic sexual offences against his two daughters.

R v Mansaray

2016, Central Criminal Court

Junior defence counsel representing one of eight defendants to be tried for the murder of London teenager Che Labastide-Wellington

R v DP

2015 – 2016, Bournemouth Crown Court

Defence counsel for a man accused of raping his wife after assaulting and threatening to kill her. The defendant was acquitted following a re-trial

R v EB-C

2015, Northampton Crown Court

Junior counsel representing a mother with a background of puerperal psychosis accused of murdering her baby son. The prosecution accepted a plea of manslaughter on the basis of diminished responsibility

R v DN

2015, Bournemouth Crown Court

Defence counsel in historic multiple child rape and serious sexual assaults case, the indictment covering five complainants and a period of more than thirty years

R v TB

2015, Southwark Crown Court

Represented a police officer acquitted of a conspiracy to pervert the course of justice arising from the student demonstrations in London in 2010

R v N

2014, Bournemouth Crown Court

Represented defendant accused of historical rapes and indecent assaults of four family members over a period of thirty years

R v Davis

2014, Southwark Crown Court

Represented a DC financial investigator accused of defrauding the MPS of high-value items confiscated under POCA

R v S L

2013, Isleworth Crown Court

Prosecuted the stranger rape on Ealing Common of a 17 year old girl

R v Hair

2013, Westminster Magistrates' Court

Defended police officer accused of racial abuse of a colleague

R v Nembhard

2013, Snaresbrook Crown Court

Junior counsel for the defence in gang murder prosecution

R v Ventriglia

2011, Reading Crown Court

[2011] EWCA Crim 2912

Acted for Crown in private prosecution of an unregulated will-writer for fraudulent trading

R v R

2011, Portsmouth Crown Court

Represented a sixteen year old boy accused of raping a thirteen year old boy

R v G

2011, Kingston Crown Court

[2011] EWCA Crim 299

Prosecuted a church youth group leader in respect of inappropriate web-cam activity with a younger congregant, and responded to the subsequent appeal

R v Tate and others

2009-10, Kingston Crown Court

Acted as junior counsel to a principal defendant in a trial arising from Operation Eaglewood, an investigation into one of the largest drug-trafficking and money-laundering networks in the UK

R v Spicer

2010, Woolwich Crown Court

Prosecuted a 63 year old man for a series of historical rapes and indecent assaults against two young girls

R v Dhawan

2010, Snaresbrook Crown Court

Prosecuted trial of an investment banker for the death of his ten month old son by dangerous driving

R v Prout and others

2009, Kingston Crown Court

Represented one of six TSG police officers alleged to have racially abused and assaulted a group of youths in central London

R v Taylor and others

2008, Chelmsford Crown Court

Acted as leading junior for the Crown in six-handed organised crime prosecution

R v Lambourne and others

2007, Luton Crown Court

Junior defence counsel in organised crime prosecution involving the largest car-ringing enterprise to come before the courts

R v Johnson

2007, Kingston Crown Court

[2007] EWCA Crim 1978

Acted for the Crown in a reported case concerning application of the rule in M'Naghten

R v Ogunbowale and others

2007

[2007] EWCA Crim 2739

Junior prosecution counsel in a three-handed murder and robbery trial and appeal

R v Karim Joumni

2006, Central Criminal Court

Junior prosecution counsel in the murder trial of a kitchen porter

R v Marriott

2005 & 2006, Central Criminal Court

Junior prosecution counsel in the murder and manslaughter trials of a Stringfellows bouncer who killed a customer

R v Breed

2004, Maidstone

Junior counsel representing 81 year-old Baptist minister tried for historical sexual abuse of his daughters and granddaughters

R v Kelleher

2003

[2003] EWCA Crim 3525

Prosecuted a man who beheaded a statue of Margaret Thatcher in the Guildhall art gallery, and responded to the subsequent appeal

Professional discipline

R(BTP) v Reynolds

2018/9 PAT and Administrative Court

[2019] EWHC 73 Admin

Represented officer in a PAT and then resisting a judicial review by the BTP of the PAT's decision to re-instate him following a finding of gross misconduct.

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Lincolnshire Police v Colson

2018

Represented officer accused of staging a knife attack on himself and prompting a huge police investigation.

West Midlands Police v BL

2017

Represented a MAPPA sergeant who supervised a violent offender who went on to murder his ex-partner and her baby.

Staffordshire Police v PC Tench

2017

Represented PC accused of failing to treat as a medical emergency a man who died in the rear of a police vehicle.

BTP v PS Davies

2017

Represented PS accused of waging a campaign of intimidation and harassment against a junior colleague.

BTP v PC Money

2017

Represented PC accused of lying about an arrest at a high-profile demonstration at Sheffield Station.

MPS v PC Bateman

2017

Represented PC accused of drinking tea instead of responding to a suicide risk.

GDC v Warmann

2016

Acted for the GDC as presenting officer in a nine day case involving allegations of multiple clinical failures.

Merseyside Police v PC Gustaffson

2016

Represented PC in respect of allegations of dishonesty.

MPS v PC Gibson

2016

Acted for probationary PC accused of inappropriate behaviour towards a male colleague.

MPS v PS Yarwood

2016

Represented a PS in the TSG accused with three colleagues of corrupt practices in relation to overtime.

Hertfordshire Police v PC Payne

2016

Represented a PC accused of removing an iPhone from a missing person's address.

MPS v Joel Sadler

2016

Represented a member of SO14 Royalty protection Group accused of dishonesty.

MPS v PC LD

2016

Acting for a PC accused of assaulting a detained man

MPS v PC Louise Fielden

2016

Represented an officer charged with multiple breaches of professional standards

Derbyshire v DC MM

2015

Represented detective accused of covering up allegations of sexual activity with a child by an associate

BTP v PC Michael Chapman

2015

Represented an officer accused of failures in relation to the care of a man who committed suicide whilst detained at hospital under the Mental Health Act

Gwent Police v DC Hodgkinson

2015

Represented an officer found to have forged entries in a major incident notebook in relation to a murder investigation in South Wales

BTP v Inspector MT

2015

Represented an officer accused of corruption based on his membership of the Freemasons

GMP v PC Monaghan

2015

Represented an officer accused of deliberately using his police dog to inflict injuries on a fleeing suspect

Staffordshire Police v PC Robert Trow

2015

Represented an officer accused of assaulting a member of the public and then giving a dishonest account

MPS v IT

- 2014
Represented a Detective Sergeant accused of leaking sensitive details to a News of the World journalist
- MPS v DC Poole**
2013
Represented a detective accused of investigative failings resulting in the collapse of a case against a child abuser
- MPS v PC Morrice**
2013
Represented a constable accused of serious failings resulting in the collapse of a six-handed violent disorder trial
- BTP v PS Pearson**
2012
Represented sergeant of Explosive Search Dogs Unit accused of multiple instances of gross misconduct
- PC Haynes and others**
2011
Represented one of five officers charged with gross misconduct over the arrest of a young man who later died as a result of ingesting cocaine
- PC Rhodes**
2009
Represented a serving police officer in a disciplinary hearing into allegations of sexual misconduct, drug abuse and corruption
- PS Manjit Johal**
2009
Misconduct hearings concerning a beat sergeant accused of having sex with a prostitute whilst in uniform, on duty and in the presence of a PCSO
- PS Meade**
2009
Represented a BTP sergeant in a disciplinary hearing into multiple allegations of sexual misconduct.
- Inspector Birmingham**
2008
Represented an Inspector alleged to have compromised the CENTREX national police recruitment model by acquiring and using protected material for use in the course of his business
- PC Holditch and others**
2008
Represented one of three officers during a hearing into allegations of maltreatment of a persistent young offender, during which false confessions were said to have been elicited
- R v Turner**
2007

Represented a custody sergeant acquitted of misconduct in public office and then disciplined by Suffolk Police arising from a death in custody

PS Heads and PS Mawson

2006

Represented two custody sergeants following a death in custody

PS Moorby and PS Beer

2006

Represented two custody sergeants following a death in custody

Inquests/inquiries

Adrian Macdonald inquest

2018, Stoke on Trent

Represented six Staffordshire Police officers in the inquest into the death of 34 year old man who had been tasered and bitten by a police dog.

Catherine Horton inquest

2018, Croydon

Represented two officers from Missing Persons Unit following the suicide of an escaped mental health patient.

Stephen Berry inquest

2018, Gateshead

Represented two custody sergeants following the death of a man in custody.

Helen Turrell Inquest

2017, Lincoln Coroner's Court

Acted on behalf of a PC responding to an incident where a young woman had taken an overdose of canine insulin.

Yonas Tesfaldet Inquest

2017, Walthamstow Coroner's Court

Acted on behalf of the MPS where an asylum seeker committed suicide following his discovery in an HGV.

Inquest into the death of Bruno Neves-Vulcao

2016, Reading Coroner's Court

Instructed to represent four Thames Valley police constables in relation to the sudden death of a young Brazilian student whilst under arrest

Inquest into the death of RR

2015, Southwark Coroner's Court

Acted for a police constable in relation to the death of a man who committed suicide on release from police custody

Inquest into the death of AG-W

2014- 2017, West London Coroner's Court

Acted for the Metropolitan Police Service at the inquest into the death of a young woman who died following an episode of puerperal psychosis and subsequent restraint by officers and medical staff

PC Colin Smelt Inquest

2013, St Pancras Coroner's Court

Represented MPS at inquest into the death of SO1 Specialist Protection Officer

The Nigel Schofield Inquest

2010, Bromley Coroner's Court

Represented two custody sergeants in the inquest touching the death in police custody of an investment analyst

Jian-Ping Liu inquest

2010, West London Coroner's Court

Represented two SO18 custody officers in inquest into the death of a Chinese immigrant shortly after leaving police custody at LHR

The Tania Moore Inquiry

2006, Derby Police HQ public inquiry

Represented the most senior officer to be charged with misconduct arising from investigative failings preceding the murder of Tania Moore by an estranged boyfriend

Licensing

Concrete Space

2019

Represented Soho House Group venue in obtaining a late night license outside core hours in the Shoreditch special policy area

Vodafone

2018

Represented Vodafone at Westminster Magistrates' Court in respect of a breach of the New Roads and Street Works Act

London Borough of Brent v Mannion

2017, Brent Magistrates' Court

Acted for landmark William IV pub in statutory nuisance prosecution.

Club Flamingo

2017, Tower Hamlets Licensing committee

Represented SEV premises in applications before Tower Hamlets Licensing committee for renewal of SEV licence

Ritz Casino v Alshathry

2016, Queen's Bench Division

Acted for the Ritz in an application for a worldwide freezing order against a debtor

Charlie's Angels

2015

Represented Sexual Entertainment Venue in Tower Hamlets in contested application for renewal of licence

Crownmead Stores

2015, Reading Magistrates' Court

Represented off-licence on appeal from revocation of licence

Les Ambassadeurs Club v Batarse

2015

Acted for Les Ambassadeurs casino in an application for a worldwide freezing order against a debtor

Ritz Casino v Kalwani

2014, Queen's Bench Division

Acted for the Ritz in application for a worldwide freezing order against a debtor

Winterville

2014

Acted for Tower Hamlets Borough Council in an appeal of a decision relating to a winter festival in Victoria Park

Karma

2014

Acted for Wiltshire police in raising objections against the final grant of a provisional licence for a nightclub

The Joiner's Arms

2014

Acted for Metropolitan Police in review proceedings against a well-known gay pub

La La Restaurant

2013

Acted for London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham responding to an appeal against review proceedings

Barcadia

2013

Acted for a Kingston nightclub in review proceedings

93 Feet East

2012, Tower Hamlets

Acted for the Metropolitan Police in expedited review proceedings

Inc Club O2

2011, Greenwich

Represented operators of a large O2 nightclub in resisting an expedited review brought by the police under s.53A

Mint v London Borough of Lambeth

2011

Represented nightclub in an appeal following a review of the licence instigated by local residents

Diamond Chauffeurs v TFL

2011

Acted for TFL in response to an application for urgent judicial review following a variation of a PHV licence for a major West-End private hire firm, and respondent in the subsequent appeal to City of London Magistrates

Room One

2011, Westminster

Acted for the MPS in an expedited review following serious crime and disorder at a West End nightclub

Lamb and Lion v Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

2011, Southend

Acted for respondent to an appeal following review

Crowne Plaza

2011, Kensington and Chelsea

Represented local residents seeking to protect amenity of garden square in objecting to an application to vary a hotel's licence

Eldon Cars v TFL

2009] EWHC 2189 (Admin)

Acted for TFL in response to an application for urgent relief following the removal of a number of operating centres from the applicant's licence.

Education

- BA Hons (Oxon) First Class
- Hodgson Scholar, St Hugh's College, Oxford (1996)
- Murdoch Scholar (1997)
- Astbury Scholar of the Middle Temple (1999)
- Diploma in Law (Distinction)
- Called to the Bar 2000

Publications

- Co-author (with **Simon Farrell QC** and **Nicholas Yeo**) of *Blackstone's Guide to the Fraud Act 2006* (OUP 2007).

Appointments

- CPS level 4 prosecutor
- CPS specialist panellist for serious crime, general crime and fraud
- Specialist Advocates' A panellist for Health & Safety and Environmental Law

Accreditations

