



William Emlyn Jones

Call: 1996

William Emlyn Jones is a specialist in serious crime and fraud, both prosecuting and defending; more often than not as leading counsel.

His practice is predominantly based in London.

In May 2019, the Attorney General appointed Bill as Senior Treasury Counsel at the Central Criminal Court, after 5 years as Junior Treasury Counsel.

Winner of Crime Junior of the Year at the Chambers and Partners Bar Awards 2015.

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.

Notable Crime cases

- **R v Robinson & Others**

Currently instructed as leading prosecution counsel in connection with the manslaughter of 39 Vietnamese

nationals found dead inside a refrigerator lorry at Purfleet, Essex on 23rd October 2019.

- **R v Matovu & Dunbar**

Bill prosecuted another Grindr related murder, the defendant being linked to the notorious Stephen Port. Matovu and his accomplice met their victims via Grindr and other hook-up apps, before drugging them with GHB and stealing from them. Matovu (acting alone) was convicted of murder having administered a fatal dose to one of his victims.

- **R v Kasim Lewis**

Bill prosecuted Lewis for the murder of 22 year old Iuliana Tudos, whose body was found in Finsbury Park at Christmas 2017, and (in separate proceedings) for a second murder of a woman murdered in her own home by Lewis during a burglary.

- **R v Arshid**

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 SH**

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.

Professional Discipline

Despite his appointment as Treasury Counsel, Bill has maintained his practice defending in Professional Misconduct cases, his speciality being the defence of police officers at Misconduct Hearings and before the Police Appeals Tribunal. Many of these have involved IOPC (IPCC) investigations into high-profile complaints against the police, including death in custody cases.

Notable Professional Discipline cases

- **PC RG**

Bill represented one of five officers all cleared of any wrongdoing in connection with the arrest and detention of Sean Rigg who tragically died in custody in Brixton Police Station, resulting in a ten year investigation by the IPCC (IOPC). The appropriate authority and two of the co-accused officers were represented by Queen’s Counsel.

- **PC MY**

Bill represented one of four TSG officers accused of all manner of Misconduct after a wide-ranging complaint made by a surgeon arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs, prompting a seven year investigation by the IPCC. All four officers were cleared of any wrongdoing.

Inquests & Inquiries

Bill's police practice has often led to his instruction in Inquests associated with deaths in custody, deaths in the context of police pursuits, deaths occurring in the course of arrests.

Notable Inquests & Inquiries cases

- **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 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**

Inquest concerning the death of a barrister's clerk killed in a fight in a Fleet Street nightclub. Bill represented an police officer who, off duty, had been in the club at the time – and had been charged with and subsequently acquitted of murder. Bill also represented him in the criminal proceedings.

Notable Cases

Murder & Manslaughter

R v Thomas & Gilmaney [Old Bailey]

Bill prosecuted two young men responsible for a three hour crime wave, two-up on a moped, robbing pedestrians of their mobile phones and valuables. Five of their victims were stabbed, one fatally; they were arrested after a high speed pursuit through North Kensington.

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 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 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 & 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 & Others [Blackfriars Crown Court]

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

R v MR & 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 & 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 represented four police officers prosecuted for selling stories to News International newspapers.

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.

Education

- LLB (Hons) Soton (1993)

Appointments

- Senior Treasury Counsel (2019)
- Junior Treasury Counsel (2014)

Accreditations

