



# Mark Halsey

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Mark Halsey is a Grade 4 prosecutor experienced at all levels of criminal work and specialising in cases involving detailed preparation.

Mark is on the specialist panel for prosecuting complex fraud cases and prosecuting rape and serious sexual offences and cases of child sexual abuse.

Mark prosecutes in cases involving serious physical abuse against young children involving contested medical evidence and prepares Pre-Charge Advices in complex cases. His casework has covered: murder; attempted murder of police officers, manslaughter, multi-million pound frauds and advisory work for cases in the Divisional Court.

## Practice Areas

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### Appeals

Has provided Advices and Grounds of Appeal against Terminating Rulings and in relation to appeals against Unduly Lenient Sentences.

### Notable appeals cases

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#### **R v Brett**

In the Attorney General's Reference which was a historic rape case the sentence was increased from 12 months imprisonment to 8 years.

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#### **R v Havard**

In the Attorney General's Reference involving sexual offences against vulnerable teenagers the sentence was increased from 2 years imprisonment to 5 years.

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## Confiscation

Prosecutes cases involving confiscation proceedings in multi-million pound frauds and drug trafficking.

### Notable confiscation cases

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#### **R v Keith & Others**

Prosecuting the confiscation proceedings and the appeal against the confiscation order in the Derby County FC fraud case.

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## Crime

Mr Halsey prosecutes serious and complex cases involving detailed preparation.

Mark has prosecuted conspiracies to arrange sham marriages and conspiracies to rob security vans involving the employees of the security firm.

## Fraud

Is on the prosecution specialist Fraud panel and prosecutes complex fraud cases. As leading counsel prosecuted and provided detailed advices in relation to multi million pound International Revenue Share Frauds. Prosecutes Ponzi frauds and Department of Works and Pensions frauds and has prosecuted for BIS.

### Notable fraud cases

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#### **R v Kumar & Others**

As leading counsel prosecuted the multi million pound International Revenue Share fraud case at Southwark CC.

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#### **R v Keith & Others**

As junior counsel prosecuted the directors of Derby County FC for conspiracy to defraud in relation to their take-over of the club.

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## Health & Safety

Mr Halsey prosecuted as junior counsel the Manslaughter / Health & Safety case of R v Bromley 2014 which involved complex Health & Safety issues involving numerous experts together with allegations of murder in relation to a body found trapped in a cement mixer.

## Judicial Review

Mr Halsey provides Advices and Grounds of Appeal against Terminating Rulings and in relation to appeals against Unduly Lenient Sentences.

### Notable judicial review cases

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## Murder & Manslaughter

Prosecuted as junior counsel the attempted murder of police officers (R v DeBono) which involved complexities relating to DNA and cell site evidence.

Prosecuted the complex manslaughter case of R v Bromley which involved allegations of murder in relation to a body found trapped in a cement mixer. The investigation lasted 10 years and involved volumes of expert evidence.

## Serious Sexual Offences

Prosecutes complex cases of rape and sexual offences against children including numerous historic offences. Has successfully proved rape victims to have been given a 'date rape drug' despite there being no forensic evidence of such a drug. Has successfully relied on the similar fact evidence of a rape victim – when the defendant was acquitted – as supporting evidence of later allegations of rape. Prosecutes offences involving stranger rape and involving advising as to the disclosure of Social Services material. Prosecutes many cases involving vulnerable victims.

### Notable serious sexual offences cases

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#### **Moniz**

Prosecuted the case of Moniz where the defendant was proved to have given the complainants a 'date rape drug' and where reliance was placed the evidence of a witness from a previous trial which resulted in an acquittal. The defendant was sentenced to life imprisonment.

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# Publications

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- Grade 4 prosecutor