



Michael Levy

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Michael Levy has an almost exclusively criminal defence practice in both serious crime and fraud.

Michael has been instructed in a large number of high profile cases. He is highly regarded and is regularly instructed, often as leading counsel, in some of the most serious cases to come before the courts.

Michael is a very persuasive advocate, he is extremely experienced in all areas of general crime – including murder, manslaughter, major drug cases, robberies and serious sexual offences.

Michael is also regularly instructed in private or non-legally aided cases and offers a personalised and discreet service. He is renown for his client care and is often instructed to advise at the earliest stages of an investigation – both pre and post charge.

Michael is permitted by the Bar Council to accept instructions under the [Direct Access](#) scheme.

Practice Areas

Crime

Throughout his extensive career, Michael has regularly been instructed in some of the most serious cases to come before the courts.

Notable crime cases

R v Juma

Conspiracy to pervert course of justice. Attempts made to frighten witness, a solicitor. Attempts included shooting at and throwing a live grenade, which exploded, at his front door.

R v Murphy & Others

“The Foxtrot Five” still one of the largest drug importations (cocaine) into this country. Valued in excess of £125million. Secured acquittal of client.

R v Saunders

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal and quashed the conviction for Assisting an Offender in a murder case. The Court was persuaded that the trial judge had failed to give adequate directions to the jury.

R v Savill

Sex case involving unusual sexual acts and the ability to consent.

R v Cook & Others

Mutiny and riot at Lincoln Prison. Authorities lost control and the inmates took over entire prison.

R v Oliver

Haulage Company involved in large scale conspiracy to alter and falsify tachographs. Largest prosecution of its kind in North East England.

R v Megne

Large scale Eastern European people smuggling.

R v Jeans & Others

Drug importation reported as Van Bokkum and others.

R v Drew

Secured acquittal of Principal Defendant in a large scale escort and prostitution conspiracy.

R v Whitworth

Importation of cigarettes and tobacco.

R v Disney & Others

Large scale drug importation.

R v Thame

Large scale importation.

Fraud

Michael is regularly instructed in all types of serious and complex fraud – both corporate and personal.

Notable fraud cases

R v Mackay

Fraud by Directors of Derby County Football Club.

R v Ebbrell 1 & 2

Operation Euripus – VAT Fraud involving missing traders (one of largest ever frauds of its kind).

R v MacMakin

Operation Stockade – fraud involving Bonded Warehouses and non-payment of duty (the largest ever single warehouse duty evasion fraud).

R v Williams

Multi-million pound fraud on Network Rail.

R v Roberts

Large scale international money-laundering.

R v Whitworth

Multi-million pound excise duty and VAT fraud.

R v Collins

VAT fraud.

R v Kerry

VAT fraud.

R v Khaliq

Nigerian advance fee fraud.

Murder & Manslaughter

Michael has been instructed in many murder cases.

Notable murder & manslaughter cases

R v Glen

Contract killing. Murder case in which convicted murderer is released and kills again. First ever murder trial in which the Crown sought to adduce the Defendants previous conviction for murder.

R v Uddin

Leading case on joint enterprise in Murder.

R v Saunders

R v Walsh

R v Didier

R v Correia

Serious Sexual Offences

Michael has represented many clients involved in a variety of sexual offences including rape and sexual assault – both in relation to recent and historic allegations. He is used to dealing with vulnerable and child witnesses.

Regulatory

Michael is regularly instructed in all types of Regulatory & Disciplinary cases.

He regularly sits as a Legal assessor at the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC). He is also appointed to sit as a Legal Assessor at the General Chiropractic Council (GCC).

Business Crime

Michael undertakes all cases involving prosecutions by Trading Standards.

Notable business crime cases

R v Campbell & Others

In relation to sale of Alarm Systems.

Coroner's Inquests

Michael has recently been instructed to advise pre-inquest in relation to high profile death.

Road Traffic

Michael is instructed in every type of motoring case, often on behalf of well-known individuals.

International

Michael recently advised in relation to criminal offences committed in Ukraine. He has also advised informally in relation to Banking Fraud in Russia.

Michael is approved to conduct cases at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Notable international cases

R v Serafimowicz

First ever prosecution under the War Crimes Act . Michael was the first barrister to be instructed to defend in a case arising out of World war Two since the Nuremburg Trials.

R v Jelesic

International Court in the Hague in relation to War Crimes in the Former Yugoslavia.

Memberships

- Association Of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- British Academy Of Forensic Science
- British Russian Law Association
- Criminal Bar Association
- European Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit

Education

- LLB Hons

Qualifications

- Direct Access Qualified

Directory Quotes

- “Very client friendly and fearless.” **Legal 500 2015**