



## Kevin Jones

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Kevin qualified as a solicitor in 2002 and worked as a defence practitioner, gaining a reputation as a persuasive advocate. He was also employed by the Crown Prosecution Service for ten years and prosecuted a full range of cases in the Crown Court. He has worked in the Crown Court since 2009. Kevin was called to the Bar in 2016 in order to further develop his defence practice.

Since Joining Chambers, Kevin has built a healthy defence practice covering a broad range of work and has seen great success in cases after the cross examination of prosecution witnesses.

## EXPERTISE

### Crime

### Court of Appeal

**R v C:** Appearing for the Crown at the Court of Appeal following the imposition of a determinate sentence which was wrong in law.

### Homicide

**R v O:** Junior Defence Counsel in the trial of a youth charged with murder. The youth was convicted but despite the conviction, the court imposed a tariff less than the statutory minimum. Led by Patrick Harrington QC who said: "I recently did a very challenging case with Kevin Jones. His mastery of the case was outstanding. He showed great judgement, enthusiasm and was brilliant with our very young client. He was a great support to me".

## Sexual Offences

**R v I & M:** Defending one of two Romanian men accused of rape. Case was stopped by the Crown after cross examination of the complainant.

**R v F:** Secured the acquittal of a young man who suffered from anxiety and had been accused of rape a few years previously. The client commented: *“Thank you for recommending Kevin to me as he was brilliant from start to finish. I can’t rate him highly enough, and I am ever so grateful for everything he has done for me”*.

**R v J:** Successful prosecution of an appeal of rape against a youth defendant. Appeal had been granted out of time as a result of ‘fresh’ evidence. However following work carried out on advice which challenged the fresh evidence the defence did not call any such evidence and the conviction was upheld.

**R v W and R v F:** Prosecution of internet-based sex offending carried out by Undercover Police Officers. Successfully argued against defence challenges relating to witness anonymity and abuse of process (entrapment).

## Violent Offences

**R v S & D:** Defending one of two men charged with kidnap. Following the service of the defence statement and disclosure requests the case was dropped.

**R v T:** Defending one of seven men (first defendant) charged with two offences of S18. Following cross examination of the main witnesses, the Crown offered alternative charges under the Public Order act.

**R v G and J:** Defending one of two men accused of robbing a man of cash. Following cross examination of the victim the Crown reduced the offence conceding that no robbery had taken place.

**R v N:** Defending a man accused of administering a noxious substance. Following advice and representations on the substance involved, the Crown did not proceed with that charge.

**R v F:** Defending a man accused of assaulting his partner. No complaint was made by her. Submitted arguments regarding the admissibility of hearsay and bad Character which resulted in the Crown dropping the case.

**R v H:** Successful acquittal of a man accused of coercive and controlling behaviour against his current partner. Previous convictions for domestic violence had been admitted at trial.

**R v S, T & E:** Acquittal of one of three women charged with racially aggravated assault.

## Drugs Offences

**Operation Bullfight:** Junior Prosecution Counsel over two trials in Cheshire Police’s largest ever

covert operation involving the distribution of multi kilos of Class A and B drugs by an Organised Crime Group based in Liverpool. Drugs were supplied to various Cheshire towns and also into Scotland. The ringleader of the organisation ran his team from within Altcourse Prison whilst serving a 13-year prison sentence for a previous drugs conspiracy. The case involved substantial telecoms evidence, including from a variety of phones smuggled into prison. Total sentences of 102 years imposed.

## Theft and Dishonest Offences

**R v T:** Prosecution of a dwelling burglary and subsequent contested POCA proceedings resulting in hidden assets of £68,000.

**R v M:** Not guilty verdict in a case of a woman who was accused of stealing over £16,000 from her mother-in-law.

**R v D & Others:** Not guilty verdict for one of four men found in a car with tools and number plates accused of going equipped to steal motor vehicles.

**R v B & Others:** Provided charging advice and then successful prosecution of eight shop workers who had defrauded the Co-Op of over £42,000.

## Weapons Offence

**R v C:** Successfully argued exceptional circumstances to avoid a mandatory minimum sentence for possession of a disguised weapon, stun gun.