

# Simon Stirling

Junior Counsel - Above 15 Years

**CALLED** 1989



**As a committed criminal law practitioner for more than 30 years Simon has both the experience and expertise to ensure effective and persuasive representation in the whole range of criminal offences.**

## **Background and Expertise**

Simon is a highly regarded and well-respected senior leading junior, specializing in serious criminal offences in particular murder and other serious violent offences, major drug trafficking and importations, multi-national frauds, confiscation of proceeds of crime and serious sexual offences, in particular rape, child abuse and people trafficking.

He is often commended for his advocacy, legal argument and case presentation and is highly regarded by bench, bar and by lay and professional clients. He is renowned for his careful and sensitive approach to client care and constantly strives to achieve the best outcome for his clients.

Simon has extensive Appellate Court experience and frequently provides fresh advice, insight

and representation post-conviction.

He is qualified to represent members of the public directly in accordance with the Bar Council's Direct Access Scheme.

## Notable Cases

### Appeals

#### **R v O, 2019**

Pro bono renewed application to appeal on drug supply. Application successful and sentence subsequently reduced.

#### **R v H, 2018**

Allegation of motor manslaughter. Renewed application for leave to appeal successful and appeal granted. Sentence reduced.

#### **R v IK (2007) 2 Cr App. R.10**

Leading case on meaning of criminal property.

### [Appeals](#)

### Drugs

#### **R v M, 2023**

Acting for defendant charged with substantial conspiracy to supply Class A drugs in Encro chat case. Acquitted by jury.

Woolwich Crown Court

#### **R v M 2022**

Acting for defendant charged with substantial conspiracy to supply Class B drugs arising out of various "cannabis factories".

Preston Crown Court

## **R v A, 2019**

10 Handed conspiracy to supply substantial quantities of class A drugs in undercover operation. Trial lasted five weeks.

Nottingham Crown Court

News report [here](#)

## **R v B, 2019**

Conspiracy to supply class A drugs. Trial lasted three weeks.

Sheffield Crown Court

[Drugs](#)

Financial Crime

## **R v S and others, 2020**

Multi-handed conspiracy to defraud Croydon Council by council employee.

Croydon Crown Court

News report [here](#)

## **R v K, 2019**

Leading junior in multi-handed, multi million pound money laundering case. Trial lasted eight weeks.

Southwark Crown Court

## **R v L, 2018**

Fraudulent evasion of income tax involving submission of false returns. Case involved consideration of many complex financial documents.

Inner London Crown Court

## **R v C, 2018**

This was the first fraud of its kind to be litigated in the U.K.

The operation involved a 5-year conspiracy to cheat the public revenue and concerned the submission of hundreds of false claims to the Redundancy Payment Service (RPS).

Croydon Crown Court

News report [here](#)

### **R v B and others, 2017**

Leading junior on sophisticated conspiracy to launder proceeds of crime arising out of the control of prostitution in Central London.

Southwark Crown Court

News report [here](#)

### **R v A and others, 2016**

Leading junior for the defence in multi handed fraud and money laundering allegations relating to the abuse “on an industrial scale” of the foreign student visa system arising out of a Panorama investigation.

Southwark Crown Court

### **[Financial Crime](#)**

## **Murder and Manslaughter**

### **R v OC, 2023**

Acting for the defendant charged with murder in multi-handed drug-related gang attack in case lasting 5 weeks.

Winchester Crown Court

### **R v R 2022**

Acting for the defendant charged with murder in a forensically complex case lasting 5 weeks. Acquitted of murder but convicted of manslaughter.

Winchester Crown Court

**R v B, 2020**

Death by careless driving in unusual circumstances which resulted in a non-custodial sentence.

St. Albans Crown Court

**R v P, 2019**

High profile murder of victim on Guildford train. Complex legal and tactical issues including issues of loss of control/psychiatric evidence.

Central Criminal Court

News report [here](#)

**R v M, 2019**

Unlawful act manslaughter arising out of campaign of robberies. Case involved complicated expert medical evidence on cause of death.

Birmingham Crown Court

**R v M, 2019**

Murder of brother in unusual circumstances over dispute of will.

Luton Crown Court

News report [here](#)

**R v G, 2018**

Gang-based drug related multi-handed murder. Trial lasted 6 weeks.

Winchester Crown Court

News report [here](#)

**R v G, 2017**

Led junior in multi handed murder. Defendant acquitted of murder.

Central Criminal Court

### **R v S, 2015**

Historic allegation of attempted murder in gang-related shooting.

Warwick Crown Court

### **Murder and Manslaughter**

## Rape and Sexual Offences

### **R v V 2022**

Leading junior acting for defendant in multi-handed human trafficking allegation.

### **R v B, 2019**

Allegations of historic familial rape.

Northampton Crown Court

### **R v W, 2018**

Allegations of campaign of rape against various women. Complex historic allegations involving contradictory evidence.

Birmingham Crown Court

### **R v X, 2018**

Very young defendant charged with rape against young family member. Issues of mental health and emotional learning difficulties requiring particular expertise and sensitive witness handling.

### **R v D, 2018**

Allegations of historic familial rape.

Canterbury Crown Court

### **R v B, 2018**

Allegations of historic sexual assault by teacher on former pupils.

Snaresbrook Crown Court

### **R v N, 2017**

Leading junior for the defence in multi-handed allegation of human trafficking concerning the trafficking of children for the purposes of child prostitution. One of the first cases under the Modern Slavery Act involving trafficking of children.

Kingston Crown Court

### **R v G, 2017**

Historic allegation of child rape by stranger and associated indecent images, involving complex issues of technical, historic DNA evidence.

Woolwich Crown Court

### **Rape and Sexual Offences**

#### Violence

### **R v A, 2022**

Acting for defendant acquitted at close of prosecution case on numerous firearms charges including possession with intent to endanger life.

Harrow Crown Court

### **R v S 2020**

Leading junior for defendant in substantial conspiracy to rob high value goods from wealthy individuals in the West End of London lasting 6 weeks.

Southwark Crown Court

### **R v S, 2019**

Multi handed prison mutiny representing lifer.

Woolwich Crown Court

News report [here](#)

## **R v A and others, 2018**

Conspiracy to commit GBH with intent.

Wood Green Crown Court

[Violence](#)

# Achievements

## Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Gray's Inn

## Appointments

- Recorder. Authorised to try Serious Sexual Offences
- CPS Panel (Grade 4)
- CPS Rape Panel (Grade 4)

## Education

- BA Hons (English) (University of Hull)
- Dip Law (University of Westminster)