Lawrence Selby KC

King's Counsel
CALLED 1997
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An experienced barrister who specialises in defending high profile and complex cases and especially those of homicide, fraud and significant drugs' offences.

Background and Expertise

He has expanded his practice into the specific areas of ADR, Regulatory and Sports Law. He is registered to undertake Public Access work.

- **ADR**

He has advised and appeared in ADR and successfully completed an internship at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

- **Regulatory**

Has advised and represented:

Doctors and Pharmacists, in relation to disciplinary matters;
Private Hire drivers and operators, in relation to licensing matters;
Restaurateurs, in relation to Food Hygiene matters;
Football Agents, in relation to FA Arbitration proceedings.

- **Sports Law**

An ever-present member of the Millfield School XI that won the English Schools Football Association Championship in 1987-88.

The pitfalls of a career in professional football were eschewed for University, where the transition to Rugby was made. This culminated in a season in Italy with appearances for

Rugby Livorno, alongside the likes of David Knox and Michael Cheika, and CUS Firenze.

On his return to the UK, started training in Karate under the auspices of Yamazaki Sensei and the Japan Karate-Do Ryobu-Kai. Is now a Black Belt, Instructor and Vice Chair of the JKR International Mediation and Arbitration Committee.

Is ideally placed to be able to advise and represent, either individuals or bodies, in relation to regulatory or disciplinary matters, that may concern them.

Chair of investigation panel into allegations concerning British Canoeing (See: The Guardian and UK Sport)

Notable Cases

Driving

R v K

Death by Dangerous Driving case resulting from a fatal accident on the M1.

Read more:

- The Times
- The Sun

Driving

Drugs

R v S

Led Junior in case of Conspiracy to Import/Supply 230 kilos of Heroin.

Read more:

- The Telegraph
- The Mirror

R v B (M)

'Operation Monary', £13 million, 9-handed Conspiracy to Supply Class 'A' drugs.

Read more:

- The Daily Mail
- ITV

R v M

'Operation Curlew/Oak', Leading Junior in 32 handed Conspiracy to Supply Heroin.

Drugs

Financial Crime

R v R

‘Operation Octopus’, Leading Junior in a VOSA investigation into the widespread, fraudulent use of HGV Operator Licenses.

R v P

‘Operation Stormgrand’, Privately instructed in the ‘King of Viagra’ case; described as the "biggest worldwide conspiracy involving medicines ever brought to trial."

Read more:

- The Financial Times
- The Guardian

R v M

‘Operation Augusta’, described as the largest counterfeiting operation ever uncovered on Ebay.

Read more:

- The Guardian
- The Telegraph

R v E

SFO prosecution of Corruption, Fraud and Money Laundering within Shropshire Learning Skills Council.

Read more:

- BBC News
- The Telegraph

R v K

Leading Junior in allegation of Conspiracy to Steal revolving around the fraudulent hiring, re-identification and exporting of plant machinery.

R v L

‘Operation Posh’, Leading Junior in an allegation of “en primeur” wine.

Read more:

- decanter.com
- BBC News

R v S

‘Operation Arcadia’, Leading Junior in the prosecution of the “UK’s biggest counterfeit DVD gang” – succeeded in substantially mitigating the sentence passed, after a careful analysis of mobile phone data.

Read more:

- The Mirror
- London Evening Standard

R v C

‘Operation Pacarana’, Leading Junior in a complex fraud revolving around the supply and financing of photocopiers and associated equipment.

R v S

'Operation Tobin', Leading Junior in a 12 week, 7 handed Conspiracy to Defraud the United Kingdom Border Agency.

Read more on ITV News

R v S

Privately instructed, via Public Access, to represent a Production Executive for Theft of £650,000 from Universal Music Group.

Read more on The Daily Mail

R v C

'Operation Dino II', 96 handed "cash for crash" fraud and associated offences.

Read more on BBC News

R v H

'Operation Binchy', Leading Junior in 4 handed "inside" bank fraud. Read more on The Mirror

R v Y

'Operation Yawkey' – described as "Britain's most notorious food criminal."

Read more on The Daily Star

R v A

'Operation Autovia', 11 handed, multi-million pound Conspiracies to Cheat the Public Revenue.

R v N

'Operation Tarlac', 15 handed, multi-million pound Conspiracy to Launder.

Read more on BBC News

R v B

Leading Junior in the case of the "Fake Lawyer."

Read more:

- The Guardian
- The Law Society Gazette

R v R

'Operation Rosewood', 8 handed, £2 million Conspiracies to Commit Fraud.

Read more:

- The Mirror
- The Daily Mail

Financial Crime

General Crime

R v M

The Luton University bomb hoax case.

Read more on BBC News

R v S

"Old-style" committal in the £4 million Heathrow mobile phone theft.

Read more on BBC News

R v Herbie Hide

Advised the former 2 time WBO World Heavyweight Champion in relation to motoring offences.

R v P

'Operation Razorback', 22 handed "Sham Marriage" conspiracy.

Read more:

- Sky News

- The Daily Mail

R v H

'Operation Veerde', Leading Junior in a multi-handed “Sham Marriage” and “Sex Trafficking” conspiracy.

Read more on The Daily Mail

Crime

Murder and Manslaughter

R v G

Led Junior in case of murder in what was described as a revenge attack over the abduction and planned murder of the Defendant in a row over drugs.

Read more on BBC News

R v T

Junior alone in case of murder of one woman and the kidnap and rape of another shortly after his early release from prison.

Read more:

- The Sun
- BBC News

R v C

Led Junior in case of manslaughter.

Read more on BBC News

R v S

Leading Junior in case of Attempted Murder resulting from the daylight shooting in Letchworth.

Read more:

- Sky News
- The Daily Mail

R v B

Led Junior in the “Jigsaw Man” case.

Read more:

- The Guardian
- BBC News

R v E

Junior alone in case of Murder.

Read more on BBC News

R v I

Led Junior in case of Murder.

Read more:

- London Evening Standard
- The Daily Mail

Murder and Manslaughter

Violence

R v F

Violent Disorder case resulting from events at an illegal rave.

Read more:

- The Independent

- The Daily Mail

Violence

Achievements

Memberships

- South Eastern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the British Association for Sport and Law

Appointments

- England Boxing: Board Member and Chair of “Compliance, Legal and HR” Subcommittee
- United Kingdom Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Association: Independent Director and Complaints’ Officer
- Appointed, by The FA, to the County Association Anti Discrimination Chairman’s Panel
- Registered FA Intermediary
- Registered Agent under the RFU Agents Regulations
- Appointed to Sport Resolutions' Development Panel
- Appointed to Sport Resolutions' Pro Bono Panel

Education

- MSc in Sports Management and the Business of Football
- PgCert in Sport Governance