

Curriculum Vitae

Martin L Sharpe

Called 1989 Middle Temple

University of Manchester BA (Hons) 1984

University of Liverpool MA 1985

Pupil supervisor 1996 to present

Expertise

Martin is an experienced complex fraud practitioner but has represented defendants who have faced the whole spectrum of serious criminal charges. He also pioneered *Goodyear sentence indications*.

Fraud

Martin has been involved in cases where defendants have faced a wide range of allegations including company fraud, VAT and tax fraud, mortgage fraud, insurance fraud, education fraud, property investment fraud, solicitor fraud, immigration fraud, advance fee fraud etc

Martin's expertise extends to all types of confiscation proceedings under all legislation including High Court and appellate work.

Other crime

Martin has always also worked on other cases of a serious nature such as murder, serious violent offences and firearm offences. He has also acted for alleged members of organised crime groups in large scale conspiracies to import and supply drugs.

Martin has considerable experience in analysing complex forensic & technical evidence such as cell site, ANPR, DNA and international financial instruments.

Finally, Martin has undertaken a wide range of serious sexual complaint cases. He has experience in many cases of historic sexual abuse involving vulnerable witnesses. He has also been involved in cases where health care and other professionals including Doctors, teachers and residential care workers have faced sexual and other allegations.

Notable Cases

Set out below is a selection of cases in which Martin Sharpe has been involved, but it should not be regarded as exhaustive.

Fraud

R v C [2016]

Large scale immigration fraud organised by solicitor and involving multiple sham marriages.

R v F [2015] (Operation Armadale)

For first defendant in a four-month (VHCC) Ponzi scheme fraud case.

R v J [2014]

Large-scale tobacco fraud.

R v F [2013/14]

Leading junior in large scale 'No money down' buy-to-let mortgage fraud.

R v M [2013]

Leading junior in multi-million pound counterfeit goods case.

R v W [2011]

Represented lead defendant in nationally-spread multi-million pound bank takeover fraud.

R v H [2010]

Scrap metal fraud.

R v F [2009]

Extensive mortgage fraud & money laundering.

R v F [2008]

Multi-million pound counterfeit goods case involving production factories in China's new economic zone.

R v Goodyear [2005] 3 All E.R. 117, Archbold 5-79b

Appeared at first instance in Doncaster Council corruption case & then took this case to the Court of Appeal, without a leader. Introduced sentence indication "*Goodyear indications*" in open court.

Murder, manslaughter & rape
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R v C [2017]

Twelve-year-old rapes five ten-year-olds at several scout camps.

R v K [2016]

Series of sexual assaults including rape of different strangers.

R v C [2014]

Historic sexual abuse including repeated rapes & buggery of female & male siblings & sister in law.

R v C [2013]

Represented lead defendant in gang knife murder of bodybuilder; issues included self defence & toxicology relating to long-term steroid abuse.

R v M [2010]

Attempted murder of prostitute; defence of accidental injury during knife-point robbery including calling of two expert witnesses.

Drugs

R v W [2015]

Large scale cocaine conspiracy in the north-west, based on probe evidence.

R v R [2011]

Nationwide heroin & crack cocaine conspiracy.

R v H [2009/10]

Leading junior in nationwide heroin & crack cocaine conspiracy.

Unusual/Miscellaneous**R v M – Admin Court [2012] & COA [2014]**

Complicated application for certificate of inadequacy in 10-year-old confiscation case. Now due back in the Court of Appeal for a second time in 2014.

M - Civil Court of Appeal [2011]

Representing parents fighting appointment of Receiver to enforce sale of their home in enforcement of confiscation order.

R v Hamed [2006]

Privately instructed to represent “Prince” Naseem Hamed, the World Champion boxer, on his plea and sentence & for dangerous driving.

R.(Miller Gardner Solicitors) v Minshull St Crown Court [2002] 67 JCL 370, EWCA 3077, Archbold 15-79
JR case, which arose from the prosecution of the supposed armourer of the notorious “Gooch Close Gang” in Manchester (the first case in Manchester in which “Special Counsel” was appointed). It concerned access to special procedure material by a firm of solicitors & has become a leading case on legal professional privilege.

To Note/Other

Considerable experience in multi-media presentation of fraud and other cases.

Highly computer literate.

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