

JAIME HAMILTON



YEAR OF CALL
1993, Gray's Inn

EDUCATION
LLB, UCW Aberystwyth

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS
Pryce-Calcott Award (UCW)
Raymond Bax Scholar (Gray's)

APPOINTMENTS
Junior of The Northern Circuit 1997
Northern Circuit Secretary 2009–2011

"highly effective in complex cases"

Legal 500 2013

"Recommended."

Legal 500 2012

"recommended for serious criminal defence matters."

Legal 500 2011

"Recommended."

Legal 500 2010

"Is a very strong advocate with wide experience of serious crime including conspiracy"

Legal 500 2008

"A skilled and powerful advocate"

Legal 500 2006

"A strong junior advocate"

Legal 500 2005



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SPECIALIST AREAS OF PRACTICE

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Jaime Hamilton undertook the initial stage of his career in London before returning to his native Manchester and becoming a member of 9 St John Street. Whilst he gained experience in all areas of law, he rapidly fulfilled his ambition to specialise in crime.

Since then he has undertaken a wide range of criminal work on behalf of both prosecution and defence at first instance and onto appellate level. He has been led in several complex cases ranging from murder to fraud. He has appeared on behalf of the defendant in many cases involving the importation and distribution of drugs, including a conspiracy to import £19 million worth of ecstasy and several operations concentrating on street dealing of heroin and cocaine. He recently appeared in a fraud case involving Data Protection with over 7,000 complainants that was the first of its kind in the country and was the leading Junior on behalf of a defendant in a trial involving a conspiracy to commit armed robberies.

Jaime Hamilton is frequently instructed on behalf of defendants charged with sexual offences and has gathered considerable experience in examining vulnerable witnesses. He has been led in a case which involved serious sexual offences in respect of seven different victims spanning a thirty year period. He has also been led in cases involving murder and has appeared as the only counsel instructed in cases of attempted murder.

As well as dealing with substantive criminal offences he has also gained considerable experience in dealing with matters ancillary and associated to criminal offences, such as Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, Sexual Offence Prevention Orders and the full range of proceedings connected with the Proceeds of Crime Act. In recent times he has been asked to

appear on behalf of the families of the victims of unlawful killing cases as part of the pilot scheme for Victim's Advocates.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Jaime Hamilton believes firmly in the role of the barrister as a specialist advocate. Before coming to the Bar he was a national finalist at the Observer Mace and quarter-finalist at the World Debating Championship. He is now an accredited advocacy trainer, assists the Manchester Metropolitan University in providing advocacy instruction to students and is a pupil supervisor who now provides training to other members of the Bar before they become pupil supervisors. He is committed to maintaining the high standards of both advocacy and service that are associated with 9 St John Street and would welcome discussions with solicitors as to how such standards can be maintained and improved.

NOTABLE CASES

R v Benjafield

The Defendant had previously been involved in the leading case on hidden assets under the Drug Trafficking Act. The target was subject to months of surveillance including electronic and audio surveillance. The bulk of the evidence was contained in material taken from audio probes relating to the Defendants hidden assets both in the UK and overseas.

R v Shah

The Defendant was one of eight Defendants being prosecuted for MTIC Fraud, The evidence in this case was served in electronic format and consisted of over 20,000 pages. At present the case is in the process of Appeal to the Divisional Court regarding the granting of a RIPA authority from the Circuit Judge. This case is likely to become a leading authority.

R v Noble & Others

The Defendant was charged with the payment of bribes for securing multi million pound building contracts and the installation of fire alarm systems across the whole of the UK.

R v Illingworth

This case was heard at Bradford Crown Court and involved POCA proceedings following a drug trafficking trial. The Crown contested an order for £240,000. The case proceeded to full contest with a final confiscation order of less than £7000.

R v Stuart & Others

This matter was a contested 10-day POCA following a £250,000 money laundering conviction. The case involved extensive legal argument over hidden assets of £250,000 laundered through the Defendants bank accounts.

R v Scott & Others

This matter concerned a Defendant charged with fraudulent trading. It was prosecuted by the SFO and lasted for 6 weeks at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Operation Decathlon

This case, at the time, was the biggest ever mortgage fraud in Britain. There were over 30 defendants in the whole operation and involved two Solicitors being prosecuted. The documentation in the case exceeded 100,000 pages.

R v Talburt

The Defendant was charged with Money Laundering involving the sale of properties in Jamaica. The POCA dealt with property and assets located in Jamaica and the USA.

R v Crowther & McCracken

The Defendants had established a bogus car hire company to launder the proceeds of a multi-million pound drug conspiracy. Jaime was led by a QC AT Liverpool Crown Court in a trial which lasted for several weeks.



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