

MARTIN LAHIFFE

Martin is a criminal advocate first and foremost. In his mind when a defendant faces a system in which he or she has little or no resources to take on the might of the state, all the cases where he utilises his advocacy skills are significant. Whether they be for the humblest shoplifter or for the most sophisticated fraudster.

When he first came to the Bar over 20 years ago, Martin came with a sense that he was involving himself in the fight against injustice. Although it is easy to become cynical as the years pass (something he has seen in others in the legal profession) he is glad to say that his belief that as a criminal barrister he is on that 'front line' in the continuing fight against injustice, remains diminished.

Now as we enter a new era where the State has determined that the injustice will be ever increased, he has renewed his determination to dedicate himself to the fight.

Those who know him will also say that he is not someone who will shy away from the intellectual side of the Criminal law. He prides himself in enjoying the challenges that the intellectual side throws up.

Martin is a member of the Herts and Beds Bar Mess and a constituent member of the SE Circuit Bar Mess Committee.

He is available for anyone seeking either mini-pupillage or work experience.

Martin Lahiffe is accredited by the Bar Council to provide Public Access services



CALL:

» 1984

INN & DEGREE:

» Middle Temple

AREAS OF WORK:

- » General crime
- » Public Access
- » Prison Law

PERSONAL INTERESTS:

Martin has many interests (too many to list here), but here is a short list to give one a flavour: -

Stamp collecting, ping pong, Anglo-Saxon architecture, 17th century Scottish love poetry, Russian Literature from the Revolution to WWII, 16th century English Court music, visiting ruins from whatever century, bird watching, following the mighty 'Irons', National Hunt Racing, making a contribution to the ever rising profits of turf accountants, Latin American dancing.

It is his ambition to see the 'Irons' win the Premiership and to visit every racecourse in Britain.

LANGUAGES

L'amour de un autre langue est
l'amour de le monde.

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