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Andrew is instructed in all areas of serious criminal work, including murder (as a led junior), attempted murder, serious drug-importation cases, serious sex cases and multi-handed frauds. He is also regularly instructed in workplace health and safety cases.

He is an expert in computer-based and electronic evidence, with a degree major in information technology and industry-based computer programming experience. He has lectured on the topic of computer/telephone-based evidence and regularly asked to act when this type of evidence is central to a case.

Andrew was educated in South Africa and went on to work for some of the major financial institutions in London, including Morgan Stanley and Cantor Fitzgerald, specialising in the field of fixed-income derivatives.

He has also worked in the field of historic racing, managing an engineering company which specialised in the racing of historic Formula One cars from the 1960s and 1970s.

Andrew has a reputation of being straight-talking and approachable. He is known as a fighter and is respected by both lay and professional clients. As a fluent Afrikaans speaker, he is popular with South African defendants.

When time permits, he can be found racing and repairing historic cars, or playing sport.

Andrew is ranked as a 'Leading Junior' in The Legal 500.

Expertise

Murder/ Attempt Murder

Andrew is regularly instructed in murder and attempted murder cases.

Notable Murder/ Attempt Murder cases

R v DO (Operation Wolsingham) [2023] Wood Green Crown Court

Murder led by Jeremy Wainwright KC. Instructed by EBR Attridge Solicitors.

R v QM (Operation Worstead) [2023] Woolwich Crown Court

Murder led by Rhiannon Crimmins KC. Instructed by Arcadian Law.

R v W (Operation Sascombe) [2022] Central Criminal Court

Multi-handed murder led by Jeremy Wainwright KC. Instructed by Duncan Lewis Solicitors.

R v C [2020] Hove Crown Court

Murder led by Jeremy Wainwright KC and instructed by Reeds Solicitors

R v O (Operation Caltrop) [2020] Maidstone Crown Court

Murder led by Jeremy Wainwright KC and instructed by Achoms Solicitors

R v RS [2016] Blackfriars Crown Court

Attempted murder. Consumption of 'Spice' and effect on mental health central to case. Instructed by Achoms Solicitors

R v S [2016] Bristol Crown Court

Murder led by Peter Rouch KC and instructed by Achoms Solicitors

Organised Crime

Andrew is regularly instructed in trials involving organised crime and large-scale conspiracies.

Notable Organised Crime cases

R v OTF (Operation Northolt) [2023] Manchester Crown Court

Multi-handed conspiracy to possess firearms with intent to endanger life. Acted for first defendant, who is a well-known Manchester rap artist, during eight-week trial. Cross-examination of cell-site, DNA and firearms experts. Instructed by Abbey Solicitors.

R v RRR [2022] Canterbury Crown Court

Multi-handed drug supply and human trafficking. Instructed by DW Harris Solicitors

R v M (Operation Morse) [2021] Kingston Crown Court

Multi-handed conspiracy to kidnap. Instructed by Duncan Lewis Solicitors

R v Y (Operation Borodino) [2021] Southwark Crown Court

Multi-handed drugs and firearms importation case. Instructed by Golden Solicitors

R v H (Operation Chalkwell) [2019] Lewes Crown Court

Large scale county line drug supply network. Instructed by Sperrin Law

R v I (Operation Mace) [2018] Basildon Crown Court

Aggravated burglary and robbery in the home. Cell site evidence central. Instructed by Achoms Solicitors

[R v B & Others \[2013\] Harrow Crown Court](#)

Successful application to dismiss in nine-handed violent disorder and conspiracy to commit violent disorder case. This was the second trial to arise out of a stabbing in Dollis Hill in 2012; the first trial having resulted in a conviction for murder

R v J (Operation Krakatoa) [2012] Basildon Crown Court

Drugs supply conspiracy

Serious Sexual Offences

Andrew is regularly instructed in cases involving serious sexual offence allegations, with a particular focus on computer-based and forensic evidence.

Notable Serious Sexual Offences cases

R v W [2021] Salisbury Crown Court

Historic sex offences, DNA from historic sources and DNA continuity central issues. Instructed by In Your Defence Solicitors.

R v WH [2017] Winchester Crown Court

Rape by father of daughter and her friend, both aged 14. DNA evidence central issue. Instructed by The Purkiss Partnership

R v W [2020]

Reading Crown Court. Historic allegations of indecent assault and sexual activity with a child.

R v AS [2016]

Two-handed gang rape.

R v B [2016] Blackfriars Crown Court

Rape

Fraud and Health and safety

Notable Fraud and Health and safety cases

R v JC [2016]

Basildon Crown Court. Health and Safety at Work Act allegations against a company director following serious injury to an employee.

R v RWR [2016]

Southwark Crown Court. Health and Safety at Work Act allegation following an accident with earth-moving equipment.

R v M (Operation Vouch) [2019] Southwark Crown Court

Fraud and money laundering conspiracy. Instructed by HP Gower Solicitors

R v LS (Operation Dunston) [2015] Ipswich Crown Court

Led by Tim Forte. Multiple identity fraud conspiracies, based in a number of cities around the UK.

Other Cases of Interest

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[R v R & Others \[2014\] Blackfriars Crown Court](#)

Urban explorers charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage. Prosecuted by KC, legal argument in this case lasted for three weeks and finally resulted in pleas which allowed the defendant to be sentenced to a conditional discharge.

DW v NHRTM & Others [2016] Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court

Successful defence against private prosecution brought under the Landlord and Tenant Act.

R v JC [2016] Basildon Crown Court.

Health and Safety at Work Act offences

R v MT [2014] Canterbury Crown Court

Companies Court Act offences

R v GS & another [2020] Guildford Crown Court

Trading Standards case

Memberships

- Lincoln's Inn
- CBA

Languages

- English
- Afrikaans
- Dutch
- Flemish.

Awards

