



Specialist practice areas: Serious Crime, Criminal/Civil

Fraud, Regulation/Compliance

Jon Swain has led for both prosecution and defence in numerous trials involving significant drugs-related offences, white collar fraud and money laundering. He is adept at managing highly complex cases, particular those demanding considerable scientific knowledge.

Other areas of interest comprise violent crime and sexual

offences, where he is experienced in using TV and video links. Recent highlights include a multi-defendant murder trial in the Central Criminal Court, a multi-million pound customs and excise diversion fraud, an advance fee fraud (Ponzi type) and associated mortgage frauds in which the convictions were followed by a £2 million confiscation, and several long-running, multi-defendant drugs trials.

Jon regularly appears both in the London courts and in major courts across the country. As he has been for the last few years, Jon is ranked as a leading junior in crime in Chambers & Partners (2008).

Notable Cases

R v Ince (2008)

defendant acquitted of attempted murder of wife by strangulation, issue being intent to kill.

R v Nguyen (2008)

large-scale conspiracy to cultivate cannabis.

R v Blake (2007)

large-scale, multi-defendant conspiracy to supply class A drugs

R v Fish (2007)

Historic sexual abuse

R . Akinpelu & others (2007)

conspiracies to rob Securicor type vans of large quantities of cash

R v Webster (2006)

Three-month trial of nurse accused of theft of controlled drugs from the Leeds General Infirmary. Heard at Leeds Crown Court.

R v Phillips and others (2005)

Represented a corrupt Customs & Excise officer in a major diversion fraud. £3 million in duty was evaded. Heard at Southwark Crown Court.

R v Balasubramaniam Uthayathas and others (2004)

A three-month multi-defendant murder trial heard at the Central Criminal Court.

R v Hughes and others (2003)

A two-month multi-defendant drugs trial heard at Winchester Crown Court.

R v Gangar and others (2003)

Multi-defendant money laundering case heard at Wood Green Crown Court.

R v Capitano and others (2002)

A four-month multi-defendant drugs trial, heard at Bradford Crown Court.

R v Harris and others (2002)

A multi-defendant drugs trial, heard at Basildon Crown Court.

R v Sayed and Hamilton-Farrell (2001)

Prosecuted an advance-fee fraud (Ponzi type) with associated mortgage frauds. Successfully achieved convictions followed by a £2 million confiscation. Heard at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court.

R v Crowther and others (1999)

Re-trial of a second drugs conspiracy, heard at Leeds Crown Court.

R v Crowther and others (1998)

A four-month trial of a second drugs conspiracy. Heard at Leeds Crown Court.

R v Crowther and others (1997)

A three-month trial of a drugs conspiracy. (The conviction was later overturned in the Court of Appeal). Heard at Leicester Crown Court.

