



Robert O'Sullivan QC

1988 (QC 2012)

"fluent advocate in court; authoritative and very impressive. An outstanding all-rounder"

- **Instructing Solicitor**

Overview

Robert O'Sullivan is a specialist trial advocate in the prosecution and defence of serious and complex fraud cases. He advises on the law and case strategy pre-charge. He has considerable experience in direct and indirect tax fraud. He has prosecuted many multi-handed MTIC VAT frauds and recently successfully prosecuted an HMRC investigation into a £98 million marketed income tax avoidance scheme in the film industry.

He prosecutes and defends murder and manslaughter cases, including defending a baby-shaking fatality, and health and safety criminal litigation.

He is experienced in court-martial trials in the UK and overseas, having defended in the Camp Bread Basket prisoner abuse trial arising out of the second Iraq war; also medicines and medicinal products prosecutions (including advising the MHRA in the Seroxat investigation) and trading standards cases.

He is a member of the Serious Fraud Office Panel of Queen's Counsel. As junior counsel he was on the Attorney-General's A List of specialist advocates and a Grade 4 CPS prosecutor.

He is a member of the Bar Council's Law Reform Committee, with a particular interest in IPA, RIPA, DRIPA and the associated Codes of Practice and the tension between state surveillance and legal professional privilege and confidential journalistic sources. He is involved in the Bar's responses to consultations on, amongst other areas, strict liability tax reporting offences, official secrets and the new Sentencing Code.

Recent Cases

R v Scully-Hicks (Cardiff CC)

Defending a father accused of the murder of his infant daughter, involving advising and cross-examining on

all aspects of 'baby shaken syndrome' including neuropathology, vitamin D deficiency and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

R v KH and others (Birmingham CC)

Prosecuting at trial, and in the Court of Appeal on a half-time terminating ruling, a £98 million marketed tax avoidance scheme which exploited the income tax relief available in respect of losses incurred in the development and pre-production of UK based feature film projects.

R v Urumov and others (Southwark CC)

Prosecuting a team of fixed income traders at the City branch of a Russian bank who conspired to defraud their employers of circa USD160 million by the false pricing of Argentinean peso sovereign warrants.

R v Bartlett-Twivey and others (Southwark CC)

Prosecuting (three trials) conspiracy to defraud mobile network operators by the operation of GSM Gateways which used fraudulently acquired PAYG SIM airtime credit and associated statutory offence of using a COMUG Gateway without a licence contrary to the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006.

R v Ozone (Luton CC)

Prosecuting murder/manslaughter involving issues of diminished responsibility and loss of control.

R v Dowling

Prosecuting six deaf defendants for defrauding DWP of £100,000s worth of disability assistance grant payments.

R v BvL and others (Kingston CC)

Prosecuting 13 defendants (two trials) in a multi-million pound MTIC carousel fraud and advising on jurisdictional issues on associated money laundering operation based in Scotland.

R v Inglis (CCC)

Prosecuting, at trial and in the Court of Appeal, a mother for the so-called mercy killing of her son by lethal injection following his catastrophic incapacity as a result of a motor accident.

Education/Professional

- LLB (Hons)(Lond)
- Bar Council Law Reform Committee
- Criminal Bar Association

He is authorised to conduct and has undertaken public access work.