Michael Conning

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Career Overview

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He is adept at the preparation of defence statements and disclosure issues; opposition to bad character applications; cell site analysis; medical evidence; and financial investigation (confiscation). He has successfully appealed convictions and sentences, including cases where he was not the original trial counsel.

Michael is experienced in murder (including gang related); manslaughter; sexual offences (both recent and historic, and with vulnerable witnesses); corruption; fraud, money laundering and confiscation, as well as human trafficking.

Notable Cases

2019 cases

R v L

Lead Counsel in 2 month construction industry trial.

2018 cases

R v S - Seven week trial of 6 defendants tried for murder/manslaughter at Central Criminal Court

Analysis of cctv and cell site evidence

R v A - Abduction

Gang related abduction and torture

R v K - Firearm

Firearm conversion and certification

R v Z - Blackmail

False imprisonment and blackmail

R v A - Drugs

County lines drug supply in Wales

R v B

Conspiracy to steal from betting shop with insider assistance

R v K - Robbery

Series of robberies in Central London

R v F - Fraud

Credit card fraud involving banks, casinos and pawnbrokers

R v O - Money Laundering

Brothels and money laundering

R v T - Fraud

Family fraud on incapacitated mother

R v T - Rape

Rape of child (1960s)

R v H - Assault

Violent assault by group on asylum seekers

2017 cases

R v W

Conspiracy to facilitate fraudulent immigration, following BBC Panorama investigation - 8 defendants, 8 week trial

R v G - Fraud

Fraud on Charity by administrator (and confiscation)

R v S - Fraud

Internet fraud (Bulgarian)

R v A - Blackmail

Internet dating site blackmail

R v I - Rape

Gang rape of 13 year old

R v T - Rape

Two defendant rape

R v S - Robbery

Impersonation of police officer to rob money exchange

R v S

Conspiracy to steal within travelling community

R v R - Harassment

Campaign of internet harassment by vulnerable defendant

Pre-2017 cases

R v B - Conspiracy to commit corruption in public office

Corruption of HMRC offices - Central Criminal Court

R v R - Murder involving gang confrontation at Westfield shopping centre

Ten week trial and re-trial at CCC

R v W-B

Violent Disorder in confrontation with police

R v O

Conspiracy for unlawful immigration (Nigerian-European marriages)

R v S

Loan sharking and confiscation proceedings

R v C - Murder

Murder in dispute between colleagues

R v W

Child cruelty, husband and wife

R v P - Fraud

VAT carousel fraud - £3.7m. Principal defendant

R v M - Money Laundering

Solicitor kidnapped by gang with undercurrent of money laundering. Judge orders acquittal after 30+ days of disclosure

R v K

Internet supply of steroids from site in Moscow

R v S - Murder

Attempted murder in South London gang dispute tried at Central Criminal Court

Memberships

- CBA
- Greenpeace

Education

- BSc (Econ) University of Wales
- College of Law Chancery Lane (conversion course and finals)
- Called as Solicitor 1983