

# Michael Conning

**YEAR OF CALL 1990**

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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