Tim Bass



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Tim defends in all types of criminal cases, and is always committed to getting the very best possible result for his client; no matter how big or small the case may be.

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Career Overview

Tim has 20 years of experience; practicing exclusively in criminal defence work.

He manages a busy caseload, covering matters right across the spectrum of criminal offences. This includes allegations of violence, dishonesty, drugs, sex, firearms, weapons, public order, public interest, road traffic, exploitation and human trafficking.

The cases that Tim appears in are often serious, complex, evidence-heavy, and multi-handed. Many of them involve representing those who are young, vulnerable, or with mental health difficulties.

He is instructed as both leading and led junior.

It is important to Tim that he enjoys a good rapport with those he represents, as he cares about what happens to them.

Tim would like to think that he is tactically astute, has an eye for detail, and the ability to spot case-winning points that others will miss. He takes pride in being a persuasive jury advocate that delivers strong and well-constructed

speeches.

Area of Practice

- Murder and serious violence
- Fraud and financial crime
- Money laundering and confiscation proceedings
- Large scale drug conspiracies
- Gang related gun crime and kidnapping
- Serious sex offences

Tim appears in both the Appellate and Crown Courts; specialising in all areas of criminal defence work.

In addition to work covered by legal aid, he undertakes privately funded work, predominantly serious sex offence matters but extends to road traffic/motor insurance matters.

Notable Cases

R v SN – Attempted Murder - Snaresbrook CC

Instructed as Leading junior. Complainant was stabbed 5 times, after a night out socializing with his room-mate.

R v CG – Human trafficking - Snaresbrook CC

4 handed conspiracy to facilitate the illegal entry of Vietnamese immigrants into the UK, and exploit them.

R v TI – Rape - Northampton CC

Alleged stranger rape on a female University student.

R v AN – Firearms - Snaresbrook CC

Loaded firearm allegedly attributed to the Defendant through DNA evidence.

R v KT – Acquiring criminal property - Kingston CC

6 handed, paper heavy, 700K fraud, whereby the Defendant was alleged to have acquired the proceeds.

R -v- RD – Sexual grooming x 8, Cat A indecent images - St Albans CC

Defendant alleged to have groomed vulnerable young girls, exploited them sexually, and produced category A

indecent images.

R v C – Sexual activity with a child x 16 - Maidstone CC

Stepfather alleged to have sexually abused his 2 step-daughters; one of whom tragically committed suicide. The case gained widespread media attention.

R v NK – Possession of false ID documents x 12 - Harrow CC

Harrow CC.

R v KK – Possession firearm with intent x 2 - Inner London CC

Having attempted to take his own life, Defendant with mental health issues alleged to have threatened paramedics with a firearm.

R v SB – Crash for cash - Derby CC.

Paper heavy, 17 handed conspiracy to defraud motor insurance companies by staging false road traffic collisions.

R v TH – Rape of a child under 13 x 4 - Maidstone CC

Allegations of rape made by the complainant against her brother. Involved complex and important disclosure issues.

R v KG – 200k money laundering – Basildon CC

Multi-handed, paper-heavy fraud, where the stolen money was allegedly siphoned out of the country through bogus companies.

R v HM – knife point robbery – Snaresbrook CC

3 handed knife point robbery on an unsuspecting Sainsburys shopper. Evidentially complex case, involving DNA, fingerprints, CCTV, telephone data and cellsite material/experts.

R v JS – Public Order – Blackfriars CC

Alleged attack by 4 youths on a lone female on the London Underground. The case attracted widespread media attention.

R v KJ – s.18 Wounding – Isleworth CC

Stabbing in a residential street, after an earlier stabbing in a nightclub. Required very careful analysis of CCTV, and

important disclosure requests.

R v MC– s.18 Wounding – Snaresbrook CC

Stabbing in a family home.

R v LC – Conspiracy to supply class A – Stafford CC

Paper heavy, 24 handed conspiracy to supply more than 14 kilos of class A drugs between Organised Crime Groups.

R v BS – Conspiracy to supply class A – Southwark CC

Conspiracy to supply over 10 kilos of class A drugs.

R v MW – Conspiracy to cause explosions – Blackfriars CC

5 handed conspiracy to blow up ATM machines in public places.

R v ND – Assisting an offender – Harrow CC

5 handed trial, in which the Defendant was alleged to have assisted the shooter in an attempted murderer, by providing the firearm and disposing of it afterwards.

R v RM – Conspiracy to supply class A – Stafford CC

Leading junior in a paper heavy, 24 handed conspiracy to supply over 14 kilos of class A drugs by Organised Crime Groups.

R v SS – Kidnap, false imprisonment, supply class A, possession ammunition – Kingston CC

Multi-handed case, in which the Defendant was alleged to have kidnapped his former partner, falsely imprisoned her, and plied her with class A drugs.

R v SB – Kidnap, false imprisonment, witness intimidation – Guildford CC

6 handed conspiracy to kidnap, and torture the complainant over stolen drugs.

R v RP – Crash for cash – Harrow CC

9 handed conspiracy to commit fraud, by staging road traffic collisions.

R v FS – Murder – Old Bailey Led junior

Defendant alleged to have murdered his wife and then attempted to flee the country.

R v KH – Perverting the course of justice – Southwark CC

6 handed, paper heavy case, involving a corrupt court official that would make driving offences disappear in return for bribes.

R v IR – Conspiracy to supply class A, firearms with intent – Woolwich CC

5 handed conspiracy to supply class A drugs, and possession of weapons with intent to endanger life [machine gun, loaded pistols, silencer]

R v AC – Attempted rape – Snaresbrook CC

Allegations of attempted rape by a deaf man on a deaf woman. 5 British Sign language interpreters required during the trial.

R v BK – Proceeds of Crime – Old Bailey

6 handed, paper heavy case, involving large scale fraud conducted on bank accounts, and the laundering of the monies obtained.

R v RJ – s.18, threats to kill, prohibited weapons and criminal damage – Canterbury CC

Defendant alleged to have entered a pub, CS sprayed members of the public, glassed a member of staff, and damaged the premises.

R v AJ – Importation class A drugs, possession of firearms – Snaresbrook CC

Defendant alleged to have imported large quantity of cocaine, and was found to be in possession of firearm.

Memberships

Professional Memberships

- Middle Temple Inn
- Criminal Bar Association

Education

- Inns of Court School of Law, Bar Vocational Course [very competent] 1999
- University of East Anglia, LLB Degree [2:1] 1998

Other Information

Tim loves travel, culture, food, film, sport, life, London, and his children.