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## Practice Profile

***Gordon is a specialist and successful trial advocate. He has extensive experience in large scale drug conspiracies and has frequently acted as leading junior.***

Gordon accepts instructions on behalf of the defence and the Crown with a particular emphasis on offences of serious violence, firearms, fraud and cases that require forensic analysis of large amounts of data, such as financial or telephone data. Gordon also has experience in dealing with cases that are of a sensitive nature and has recently prosecuted an acting chief inspector of the BTP.

Gordon acts for private individuals and companies and is able to accept instructions direct from the public in appropriate cases. For further information, please contact our **clerks**.

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## Areas of Practice

- General Crime
- Prosecution
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Appellate
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Fraud & Financial Crime
- Homicide & Corporate Manslaughter
- Military Law
- Road Traffic
- Sexual Offences
- Cyber Crime

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## Reported Cases

- *R -v- MA [2014] EWCA Crim 1382* - Breach; Sentence length; Sexual offences prevention orders
- *R v AM [2013] EWCA Crim 850* - Disparity of sentence; Guilty pleas; Joint enterprise; Offending on bail; Robbery; Separate trials; Totality of sentence; Serious offences
- *R -v- AH [2011] EWCA Crim 2227* - Burglary; Custodial sentences; Disqualification from driving; Disqualification periods; Proportionality; Rehabilitation - Interpretation and construction of s.147 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000.
- *R -v- C; R -v- T [2010] EWCA Crim 761* - Post-verdict communication from jurors

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## Recent Cases

**R v. KB & anr [Woolwich] 2017**

## Firearms

Gordon Carse represented one of three defendants in a two week cut throat trial. The prosecution arose following an undercover sting operation where meetings and communications arranging the purchase of a glock, MP5 assault rifle, and ammunition were covertly recorded. The defendant was acquitted by the jury. Instructed by Thos Boyd Whyte.

## **R v. Iqbal & ors [Harrow] 2017**

### GBH Sc18

Gordon Carse acted for the defendant who was alleged to be the principle in a group attack in which he chased and threw a young man from the roof of a building causing life-changing injuries. A submission of no case to answer was successfully made and the defendant acquitted following the successful resistance of the prosecution's appeal against the terminatory ruling. Instructed by Imran Khan & Partners.

## **R v. MB & ors [Croydon] 2017**

### Cash in Transit Robberies

Gordon Carse defended in this multi-handed conspiracy to commit cash in transit robberies. The defendant and his team were alleged to be responsible for all cash in transit robberies in the South East of England in the first half of 2016. Following halftime submissions verdicts of not guilty were directed by the Learned Judge. Instructed by Goldkorns.

## **R v. B [Lewes] 2016**

### Male Rape

Gordon Carse, instructed for the defence, represented this defendant who had raped a vulnerable male when interviewing him for a job and sexually abused and raped him on further occasions over a four year period. The defendant pleaded guilty on the day of trial and a sentence of 3 1/2 years imprisonment was secured. Instructed by Martyn Hewett Solicitors.

## **Operation Peltier 2016**

### People trafficking

Gordon Carse instructed as prosecution counsel in this multi-handed prosecution founded on a joint investigation between the Hungarian and Metropolitan police into the trafficking of around 200 woman for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The trial is estimated to last several months.

## **R v. AB 2014**

### Possession of firearm with intent to endanger life

Gordon Carse appeared as sole prosecution counsel in a possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life trial. This prosecution arose from an Operation Trident investigation and related to a loaded sawn off shotgun and ammunition. The case relied upon interpretation of DNA evidence and resulted in a conviction.

### **Operation Ralemation 2014**

Investigation by the Trident East Gang Crime Command

Gordon Carse instructed as sole counsel for the prosecution in a 4 handed attempted murder trial. The case was investigated by the Trident East Gang Crime Command. Following a four week trial the defendants were convicted of attempted murder (shooting) and a string of other firearms offences. Sentences totalling over 46 years imprisonment were handed down.

### **Operation Listado 2014**

Conspiracy to supply of class A drugs

Gordon Carse instructed as sole counsel by the defence in multi-handed, multi-kilo supply of cocaine trial. This observation case placed significant reliance on covert listening devices, cell site evidence, ANPR records, call data and text messages. The defendant was the only one acquitted.

### **Operation Kennedy [Portsmouth] 2014**

Conspiracy to supply class A drugs

Gordon Carse led Ben Holt for the defence in this multi-handed Class A conspiracy trial. The defendant was alleged to have been part of a conspiracy to supply over £600,000 of cocaine in and around the Portsmouth area. The defendant's involvement and role were underpinned by cocaine found in his possession, call data and text messages. The defendant was acquitted. Sentences totalling 54 years imprisonment were handed down.

### **Operation Lundie 2013**

Highly professional car theft ring that targeted high end BMWs due to a security flaw in the alarm and immobilizer system

Gordon Carse instructed as led junior counsel for the defence in a multi-handed conspiracy to handle stolen goods trial. The defendant was the ringleader of a highly professional car theft ring that targeted high end BMWs due to a security flaw in the alarm and immobilizer system. The conspiracy operated numerous "chop-shops", which the vehicles were taken to for dismantling prior to being shipped to Lithuania - often within 24 hours. The conspiracy was estimated to be responsible for the theft of in excess of £10 million worth of vehicles.

### **Operation Pearham 2013**

Multi-handed possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life

Gordon Carse appeared as sole counsel for the defence in multi-handed possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life trial. The case was investigated by the Homicide and Complex Case unit of the West Yorkshire Police. The defendant was alleged to have travelled from London with the intention to rob, at gun point, individuals connected to the importation of multi-kilo consignments of heroin. The firearm was repeatedly discharged during the incident. The defendant's connection to the offence and role were underpinned by text messages and calls, cell site evidence, and ANPR records. The defendant was acquitted. Two co-defendants tried separately were convicted and each received sentences of 16 years imprisonment.