



Practice Profile

Paul Jackson is a highly regarded and specialist junior barrister with extensive expertise in serious and complex criminal cases involving sexual offending, homicide, multi-handed violence and gun crime. Paul places great emphasis on thorough preparation and first class advocacy.

Paul has a wealth of expertise in the defence of those accused of rape and other serious sexual offences and is frequently instructed to act in historic cases involving multiple complainants. Aside from this main areas of practice involves all forms of serious offending but including cases of murder, manslaughter, serious violence, drugs, money laundering and serious fraud. Paul is often instructed in complex multi-handed cases with voluminous papers requiring attention to detail and forensic analysis.

Mr Jackson is able to accept instructions direct from the public in appropriate cases. For further information in this regard please contact the **Senior Clerk**.

Areas of Practice

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

News

25 year old man cleared of Murder

1 December 2017

Jonathan Higgs QC and Paul Jackson defended this 25 year old man who was cleared at the Old Bailey of the stabbing and murder of a 33 year old male following an altercation in the early hours outside a pub in Wood Green, North London, last October. Instructed by M&M Solicitors.

Evening Standard article [here](#).

Recent Cases

R v. Shepherd & Cox [Maidstone] 2017

Baby Shaking Death of 5 month old son

Paul Jackson, led by Nadine Radford QC, acted for the father in this tragic case of the death of his 5 month old son following the non-accidental head trauma caused by a "shaking" incident in April 2016. Complex 6 week trial involving numerous experts. Instructed by TS Law.

R v. Vidler [Maidstone] 2017

Attempted murder with axe

Paul Jackson acted in the Defence of former professional boxer Colin 'The Hammer' Vidler charged and cleared of the attempted murder of his own cousin by striking him multiple times to the head with an axe.

News report [here](#).

R v. Miah [Bristol] 2016

Conspiracy to supply class A drugs

Paul Jackson represented a male accused of being the leader of a London based gang that supplied huge quantities of class A drugs to Swindon as part of a multi-handed conspiracy. This case centred around the close analysis of cell site evidence.

R v. D [Inner London] 2016

Historic Sexual Assaults

Paul Jackson instructed as defence counsel to represent an 83 year old male charged with the indecent assault of five girls between 1970 and 1975. Following the close of the Crown's case, I applied to stay the indictment on the ground that the delay in the case prevented the defendant from receiving a fair trial and thus amounted to an abuse of process. That application was successful.

R v. Ifemade [Woolwich] 2016

Multiple Stabbings

Paul Jackson acted for the defence of male charged with multiple stabbings, who was cleared by the jury following a trial. Instructed by McCormacks.

R v. James [St Albans] 2016

Public Order Offence

Paul Jackson represented a male accused of knocking unconscious another male in a drunken street brawl. The defendant asserted that he acted in self-defence only. The incident was captured on CCTV. Defendant acquitted.

R v. W [Maidstone] 2016

Historic Sexual Assaults

Paul Jackson represented a male charged with 21 counts of indecent assault including the penetration of six complainants over a period of 30 years. The complainants included the defendant's daughter and two of his nieces.

R v. Burke [Maidstone] 2016

Sc 18 following a 'bottling' in a night club

Paul Jackson acted in the Defence of male charged with a joint enterprise section 18 following a 'bottling' in a night club. The defendant required the use of an intermediary. Instructed by Bailey Nicholson Grayson.

R v. Coad [Maidstone] 2016

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R v. Ahmed [C.C.C] 2016

Murder of father

Jonathan Higgs QC led Paul Jackson in the Defence of a young male charged with the murder of his own father and attempted murder of his young niece and nephew. Defendant found not guilty by reason of insanity. Instructed by Emery Halil and Brown.

News report [here](#).

R v. Porter [Maidstone] 2016

Indecency with a child

Paul Jackson represented a former Scout leader accused of indecency with a child 23 years previously. The Crown were able to call a second child as a corroborating eye witness. A key point in the trial was successfully arguing against the admission of the defendant's imprisonment in 2009 for 15 offences of making almost 2000 indecent images of children. Defendant acquitted. Kent Online news report.

R v. MP [Inner London] 2016

Alleged rape of foster daughter

Paul Jackson acted for the defence of this male foster carer who was cleared of charges of multiple oral and vaginal rapes of his foster daughter. Instructed by Thos Boyd Whyte.

R v. B I 2016

Oral rape of an 8 year old boy

Paul Jackson instructed to defend a male charged with the oral rape of an 8 year old boy. In this case the defendant's grandmother became a foster carer and had an autistic 7 year old boy placed with her from 2009 to 2011. In 2014 the boy complained that he had been raped repeatedly by the defendant, who was then aged 14 and 15, during the placement. The case involved the cross-examination of the now 14 year old autistic complainant and analysis of a considerable amount of third party material. Defendant acquitted.

R v. Kulczycki [Maidstone] 2016

Attempted murder of love rival

Paul Jackson acted for the defence of male charged with the attempted murder of his ex-partner's new lover. The defendant drove his car onto the pavement and ran down the victim. Instructed by Thos Boyd Whyte

News report here.

R v. Beveridge [I.L.C.C.] 2016

Historic Sexual Assaults

Catherine Farrelly led Paul Jackson in the prosecution of a defendant who, over the course of a number of years, had sexually abused five very young children who suffered from various learning disabilities. The case involved the review of a significant amount of social services and educational material and close liaison with the appointed intermediary. The defendant was sentenced to 22 years' imprisonment with an extended licence of 6 years.

R v. P Rahman [Snaresbrook] 2016

Causing death by dangerous driving

Paul Jackson was instructed in the defence of male charged with causing the death of a cyclist by dangerous driving. Mr Rahman was recorded driving at 71mph in a 30 mph speed zone when he hit a cyclist. He received four years imprisonment following a guilty plea. Instructed by EHB Solicitors.

News report here.

R v. N [Woolwich] 2015

Child Rape

Paul Jackson successfully defends a male charged with raping his granddaughter under the age of 13 on multiple occasions over a number of years. This case necessitated analysis of a considerable amount of 3rd party

disclosure.

R v. England [Lewes] 2015

Rape of a female with physical disabilities

Paul Jackson represented a male charged with the rape of a female friend with physical disabilities. The issue in this case was whether or not there had been any penetration

R v. R [Maidstone] 2015

Anal Rape of a 5 year old

Paul Jackson successfully defended a 16 year old autistic male who was charged with the anal rape of his 5 year old cousin. The defendant's diagnosis was such that he was deemed to be unfit to stand trial but in the subsequent trial the jury found that it had not been proved that the act ever took place.

R v. J [Maidstone] 2015

Rape

Paul Jackson represented a male who was charged along with his wife of the rape of her cousin. The allegation was that the complainant was introduced to sex by the co-defendant at a young age and then groomed by the defendant who raped her on multiple occasions.

R v. N [Maidstone] 2015

Sexual Assault of a 4 year old

Paul Jackson defended a male charged with the sexual assault of his four year old godson. This case involved the cross-examination of the (now aged) 5 year old complainant.

R v. Scott [Maidstone] 2015

"One Punch" Manslaughter

Paul Jackson was instructed for the defence of a male charged with manslaughter having delivered a single blow to the head of the deceased who was a fellow inmate at HMP Prison and had consumed 'Spice'. Instructed by TS Law

News Report [here](#).

R v. Dirda & ors [Canterbury] 2015

People Trafficking

Jonathan Higgs QC leading Paul Jackson in the defence of male charged along with others with rape and enforced prostitution. The complainant alleged that when she was 13 years old she was forced to consume class A drugs, forced into prostitution and raped on multiple occasions. The trial was stopped after 2 months at half-time following

successful submissions of no case to answer based on the unreliability of the complainant. This case included the cross-examination of a vulnerable 16 year old witness through an interpreter and intermediary and application for third party disclosure from a different country. The served unused disclosure amounted to thousands of pages in this case. Instructed by TS Law. News report [here](#).

R v. Langridge [Maidstone] 2014

Benefit Fraud

Paul Jackson successfully defends a female charged with substantial benefit fraud offences.

R v. Capper [Maidstone] 2014

Aggravated Burglary

Paul Jackson represented a male charged with aggravated burglary, wounding with intent and possession of offensive weapons. The allegations were that the defendant carried out a revenge attack on a male in his home in the middle of the night as he had commenced a relationship with the defendant's ex-wife. A machete was used during the attack. Kent Online news report.

R v. Collins [Maidstone] 2014

Rape of an 8 year old girl

Paul Jackson represented a male charged with arranging the rape of an 8 year old girl. The defendant responded to an advert placed on the internet offering a child for sex. The defendant then emailed and spoke to the child's mother over a period of weeks culminating in him travelling to Kent to rape the child. In fact, this was a Police sting operation, the child did not exist, all conversations had been recorded and the defendant was arrested en route. This case featured legal argument regarding abuse of process through entrapment.

R v Collins (2015) 2 Cr.App.R.(S.)

R v. Ford [Maidstone] 2014

Inciting children under the age of sixteen to engage in sexual activity

Paul Jackson represented a 25 year old male charged with multiple counts of causing or inciting twelve different children under the age of sixteen to engage in sexual activity. The allegation concerned the defendant, a highly qualified football coach, befriending the complainants on Facebook by pretending to be a sixteen year old female called Sarah Sawyer and then caused or incited sexual activity. The case focused heavily on digital forensic analysis.

Kent Online news report.

R v. O'Rahilly & ors [Southwark] 2014

£1m Conspiracy to defraud the DWP

Paul Jackson represented a male charged with conspiracy to defraud the DWP and various Boroughs of London between 04/05/88 and 16/04/14 of over £1million. The allegation was the defendant adopted numerous identities

and then claimed benefits under those false identities for years.

R v. P [Kingston] 2014

Historic Sexual Assaults

Paul Jackson defended a 75 year old male charged with the indecent assault of his daughter between 1970 and 1976 (daughter then aged 4 - 9). The defendant denied the allegations. A key issue in this trial was the admissibility of a 2001 conviction for indecently assaulting his step-daughter between 1974 and 1983 when she was aged between 8 and 16 years.

R v. Olson [Maidstone] 2014

Murder.

Paul Jackson defended a male charged with the murder of a former employer by shooting him at close range in the chest with a shotgun.

BBC news report.

R v. Awoyemi & ors [Inner London] 2014

Attempted Murder

Paul Jackson represented a male charged with attempting to kill two males on two separate occasions. The allegation concerned gang activity and a firearm the defendant was found in possession of days after it had been used in a near fatal shooting. The first allegation was dismissed and the second was topped at half-time. In this case the admissibility of evidence of gang affiliation featured heavily.

R v Awoyemi and others (2016) 4 W.L.R. 114

R v. Bailey [Snaresbrook] 2014

GBH Sc18 on Brother

Paul Jackson defended a male charged with causing his brother grievous bodily harm with intent. The defendant admitted causing injuries to his brother but only in lawful self-defence following an argument during which the complainant bit part of the defendant's nose off. Case dismissed at half-time.

R v. Rasalingham [Maidstone] 2013

Immigration Offences

Paul Jackson defended a male charged along with 6 others of conspiring to bring Sri Lankan nationals into the country. The defendant was stopped with three such aliens in the back of his van. This case involved investigations by British, French, German and Dutch Police departments. Case dismissed at half-time.

R v. Haque [Snaresbrook & C.O.A.] 2013

Harassment

Paul Jackson defended a male charged with harassment, putting his own brother in fear of violence. The complainant was so discredited during cross-examination that the Crown offered no evidence declaring in explanation to the jury that "the complainant's credibility had been diminished to vanishing point". Not guilty verdict entered. The trial judge then imposed a post-acquittal restraining order under section 5A(1) of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 which was subsequently quashed by the Court of Appeal.

R v Mohammed Emanul Haque (2014) EWCA Crim 832 and R v Mohammed Emanul Haque (2015) EWCA Crim 767.

R v. Idehen [Woolwich] 2013

Threats to Kill

Paul Jackson instructed in a case involving a male detained in the secure unit of a mental hospital who threatened to kill members of the nursing staff.

R v. De-Castro [Inner London] 2013

GBH Sc18

Paul Jackson defended a male charged with causing serious bodily harm with intent. The allegation was that the defendant struck the complainant twice to the back of the head with a hammer. Whilst that was accepted, the defence asserted that it was done in both self-defence and the defence of others. Particularly key for the defence was persuading the trial judge that the Crown could not adduce the fact that the defendant had fled the country and been on the run for 5 years. Defendant acquitted.

R v. Carrington [Snaresbrook] 2013

Cultivation of Cannabis

Paul Jackson defended a male charged with the cultivation of cannabis in an out-building on his property. A light bulb inside that out-building was found to have the defendant's fingerprint on it. The defendant denied all knowledge of the cannabis. Defendant acquitted.

R v. John Davies & [Maidstone] 2013

GBH Sc18

Paul Jackson defended a male charged jointly with three others of causing grievous bodily harm with intent by stamping on the complainant's head. A successful submission of no case was made at half-time based on the weakness of the identification evidence. Defendant acquitted. Instructed by Berry & Lamberts.

R v. Qasim & anr [Snaresbrook] 2013

Kidnap & Rape

Paul Jackson defended a male charged with the kidnap and subsequent rape of a female. The allegation was that the defendant and another plied the complainant with drink, lured her to a shop and then, with the help of another,

forcibly detained her and raped her. The defence case was one of consent. A key issue in the trial was expert evidence on the amount of alcohol the complainant consumed and both how that would have affected her and for how long. Defendant acquitted.

R v. Abdelrahman [Blackfriars] 2012

Theft

Paul Jackson represented a male found with so many stolen electronic devices in a storage unit that he was dubbed by the Crown as "the modern day Fagan". Notwithstanding that the defendant was found not guilty by successfully relying on the defence of duress.

R v. Beckett [Inner London] 2012

Bouncer charged with GBH Sc18

Paul Jackson successfully defended a male bouncer at the Hammers Pub charged with causing grievous bodily harm. This was a case of mistaken identification with the defence providing the Police with the name of the real attacker. That line of inquiry was inadequately pursued by them. Following legal argument at trial, the Crown were forced to hold an ID procedure at court during which the complainant identified the person named by defence as the perpetrator.

R v. Nash [Maidstone] 2012

GBH Sc18

Paul Jackson successfully defended a male charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent. It was alleged that the defendants and two others jumped on the complainant's leg until it broke. The issues at trial included intoxication, identification and blood splatter evidence from an expert witness.

R v. Caird & ors [Maidstone] 2012

Kidnap and Rape

Paul Jackson represented a male charged with kidnap. The allegation was that the defendant's cousin having falsely accused a male of raping her, the defendant and three others kidnapped and seriously assaulted him. In the trial, a co-defendant ran a cut-throat defence and so the trial involved the issues of the admissibility of previous acquittals and severance.

R v. McElwaine [Woolwich] 2011

Baby-shaking

Paul Jackson successfully defended a mother charged with the cruel treatment of her own child; baby-shaking. The allegations centred around the finding that the baby had suffered bilateral chronic subdural haemorrhages at the hands of the baby's father (co-defendant) and the trial issues included the rate of recovery and likely visible symptoms of those injuries.

R v. Swash [Snaresbrook] 2011

Knife point sexual assaults

Paul Jackson defended a male with severe learning difficulties charged with knife point sexual assaults in multiple women in isolated occasions late at night.

R v. Caird [Maidstone] 2011

Arson with intent to endanger life

Paul Jackson defended a male charged with arson with intent to endanger life. The allegation was that the defendant's ex-partner witnessed the defendant throw a petrol at her living-room window whilst she was standing in it with their young child. This case involved many issues of law including the admissibility in the Crown Court of evidence produced for parallel family court proceedings. The defendant was acquitted.

R v. Tear & ors [Reading] 2011

Six-handed conspiracy to murder

Paul Jackson instructed as a led junior in the defence of a male charged in a six-handed conspiracy to murder. In this case the defendants were alleged to have attempted a revenge attack on an individual by shooting a gun at his house several times. A significant part of the Crown's case was focused upon cell site analysis.

Notable Cases

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R v. Newell [Reading] 2011

Possession of class A drugs with intent to supply

Paul Jackson defended a male charged with possession of class A drugs with intent to supply. Some time before trial the defendant sacked his original solicitors and Counsel. At trial the defendant accepted possession of the drugs but denied having any intent to supply. The Crown were allowed by the trial judge to put to the defendant a response to a question in the PCMH form asking what were the real issues, his original barrister, had written "no possession". The Crown sought to cross-examine on that statement as being inconsistent with his defence and plea to possession. The resultant

R v Alan Newell (2012) 1 W.L.R.3142 overturning the decision in R(on the application of Firth) v Epping Magistrates' Court (2011) 4 All.E.R.326