



Practice Profile

Gordon is a specialist and successful trial advocate. He has extensive experience in serious and complex criminal cases, frequently acting as a leading junior.

Gordon accepts instructions on behalf of the defence and the Crown involving all forms of serious offending, but in particular cases of murder, manslaughter, serious violence, drugs, money laundering and serious sexual offences. Gordon is regularly instructed in complex multi-handed cases with voluminous papers requiring attention to detail and forensic analysis. Current instructions include an individual charged with a large-scale fraud, in which the defendant headed a conspiracy using client details he had mined when working for a well-known firm of Criminal Solicitors.

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Areas of Practice

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

Reported Cases

- R -v- JD [2021] EWCA Crim 1866 – Consecutive sentences; Determinate sentences; Licence periods
- R -v- TA [2016] EWCA Crim 668 – Admissibility; Attempts; Bad character; Gangs; Murder
- R -v- ML [2018] EWCA Crim 2536 – Mens rea; No case to answer; Prosecution appeals
- 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

News

Criminal Appeals Seminar

22 April 2024

5KBW Criminal Appeals Unit is delighted to present the first in a series of seminars on appellate matters:

The Criminal Appeal Office and Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) [CACD]

A practical approach to CACD procedure: **Master Alix Beldam KC**, Registrar of Criminal Appeals

Fresh evidence as a ground of appeal (now and in the future): **Paul Taylor KC**, General Editor of Taylor on Criminal Appeals

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 6pm

Inner Temple Lecture Theatre

Master Beldam KC will discuss the work of the Criminal Appeal Office and the CACD, the procedural framework for launching and pursuing an appeal and the practical issues that often arise.

Paul Taylor KC will analyse the CACD's current approach to grounds of appeal based on fresh evidence. He will also consider potential changes in this area that may follow the recommendations of the Law Commission's Criminal Appeal Project (expected in 2025.)

Please [click here](#) to register your interest in attending this seminar.

Hung Jury for Dangerous Driving

19 December 2023

Gordon Carse instructed by Lee Barton of Paul Martin & Co Solicitors, represented a man indicted with causing serious injury by dangerous driving and prosecuted by King's Counsel. Having considered their position following a hung jury, the Crown formally offered no evidence.

Conspiring to possess a firearm

9 November 2023

Gordon Carse successfully represented a client charged with conspiring to possess a firearm with intent to endanger life. The client accepted transporting the shooter to and from the scene and being present when the firearm was discharged - including interacting with him between the two discharges. After a four week trial at Woolwich Crown Court, the client was acquitted of all charges. Gordon was instructed by Jatinder Sokhal of Thomas Boyd Whyte.

Recent Cases

R v JW & Another [Coventry] 2022

Murder

Gordon Carse, led by Paul Keleher QC, represented a defendant charged with the murder of two elderly victims separated by a three-year period, in which other serious offending was committed. The case involved complex and extensive expert evidence, including pathology, cell site and DNA evidence.

R v SB & Others [Southwark] 2021

Assassination of Rival International OCG

Gordon Carse, led by Jonathan Higgs KC, represented an alleged member of a Swedish hit team, hired to assassinate a leading member of a rival international OCG. The case made national headlines due to the professionalism of the assassination, in which latex masks and other disguises were used prior to the shooting. The shooting itself was designed to be shocking, taking place on Christmas Eve on the victim's doorstep and in front of his family.

R v JL & Others [Newcastle] 2021

National Supply of Wholesale Class A Drugs

Gordon Carse represented the defendant who was alleged to have run cannabis farms and conspired in the national supply of wholesale quantities of Class A drugs. Following section 8 applications and written submissions that there was no case to answer, the Crown offered no further evidence and the Jury returned directed verdicts of not guilty.

R v JB & Another [Inner London] 2020

Possession of Firearm

Gordon Carse represented the lead defendant in an allegation of possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life. The defendant was a well known 'drill' artist and the prosecution was heavily reliant upon bad character evidence of gang activity (including multiple murders). The defendant was acquitted by the jury.

R v KG & Others [Nottingham 2020

Attempted Murder

Gordon Carse, led by Sue Rodham, represented the defendant charged with facilitating allegations of attempted murder (2 separate shootings). Following successful submissions as to the admissibility of covert recordings and submission of no case to answer was upheld and the defendant acquitted by directed verdicts.

R v CB & Others [Inner London] 2019

Multi-Handed County Line Drug Operations

Gordon Carse, led by Danny Robinson QC, prosecuted 21 individuals, over multiple trials, who were charged with a multiple county lines drug dealing operations. All defendants were either convicted or entered guilty pleas for their involvement.

R v MW & Others [Liverpool] 2019

Conspiracy to Supply Class A Drugs

Gordon Carse represented one of the defendants charged with conspiring to supply wholesale amounts of Class A drugs (on one of the multiple occasions of supply in excess of 98kg of 98% pure cocaine was seized). In the third week of the trial the defendant entered a limited guilty plea on an acceptable basis.

R v TDN & Others [Wood Green] 2018

National Supply of Wholesale Class A Drugs

Gordon Carse represented a defendant alleged to be the principal in the national supply of wholesale quantities of Class A drugs. The defendant was the subject of extensive covert surveillance, which included the use of helicopters. The defendant was acquitted by the jury.

R v TM & another [CCC] 2018

Robbery & kidnap

Gordon Carse represented a defendant alleged to have committed robbery, s.18 and kidnapping. Following cross-examination of the principal witness, the Crown offered no further evidence and the jury returned a directed verdict of not guilty.

R v ML [Croydon] 2018

Stabbing of police officer

Gordon Carse acted for the defendant who was alleged to committed a section 18 OAPA offence by stabbing an officer in an attempt to escape arrest. The photographs of the injury caused were ruled too gruesome to be placed before the jury. A successful submission that there was no case to answer was appealed by the Crown. The appeal against the terminatory ruling was successfully opposed.

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 half-time 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 women 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 Ralematon 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.