



Practice Profile

A determined defence advocate with a wealth of experience, Mark Dacey will take good care of your case and your client. A successful Senior Junior who meticulously prepares Mark has a professional yet realistic attitude and has an approachable style that is appreciated by clients and juries alike.

Dealing with all aspects of criminal law Mark Dacey has wide experience in cases of fraud and financial crime, homicide and serious violence, cases involving the trafficking and supply of drugs and historic sexual offending. His practice is solely for the defence and often as leading Counsel

With a particular skill in fraud he has defended in cases involving Hawala banking, "Ponzi" fraud boiler room fraud, banking frauds, mortgage frauds, and cases involving HMRC offences. He regularly undertakes cases relating to confiscation issues and provides advice and representation in restraint and enforcement proceedings..

Mark Dacey has defended in the full spectrum of violence allegations and has successfully appealed murder convictions and handled homicide cases as sole and lead Counsel as well as having lectured on the controversial area of joint enterprise in murder.

He has comprehensive expertise in cases of historic sexual offending and in dealing with vulnerable defendants, witnesses and those suffering with mental health difficulties. Other regular instructions include cases connected with firearms legislation and inquests

Mr Dacey is known for his excellent judgement and the ability to put his client at ease. His reputation amongst those that instruct him is one of hard work, meticulous preparation and excellent client care.

Mark's Privacy Policy can be downloaded [here](#).

Areas of Practice

- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Financial & Corporate Crime
- General Crime
- Cyber Crime
- Homicide
- Inquests
- Prosecution
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences

News

5KBW wins “Crime Set of the Year 2024” at the prestigious Chambers UK Bar Awards

15 November 2024

We are absolutely delighted to announce that 5 King’s Bench Walk was awarded "Crime Set of the Year Award 2024" at the Chambers UK Bar Awards held at Old Billingsgate on 15 November. This is Chambers’ 5th nomination for the prestigious Chambers UK Bar Awards in the field of Crime. We are very proud to have won this award for the second time in 5 years.

Commenting on the awards, Heads of Chambers at 5 King’s Bench Walk, Sarah Forshaw KC and Mark Heywood KC said:

“We are absolutely delighted that 5KBW has been recognised once again as the UK’s pre-eminent Crime Set. It is testament to the outstanding ability of every member of our Chambers, to our excellent clerking services and to our administrative staff. The shortlists and ultimate awards are the result of extensive research by Chambers and Partners. We could not be more proud.

That our own Louise Oakley also carried away the award for ‘Crime Junior of the Year’ is the icing on the cake. She is, quite simply, a star.”



Client Acquitted on Conspiracy to Possess Prohibited Weapon

9 April 2024

Mark Dacey represented a defendant charged with conspiracy to possess a prohibited weapon and ammunition. Following a 3 week trial at Snaresbrook Crown Court, the client was acquitted of all charges.

Instructed by Phaedon Georgiou of Joseph Hill & Co.

Hung Jury for Child Cruelty

15 January 2024

Mark Dacey, instructed by Canel Halil of Emery Halil & Brown Solicitors, represented a man accused of cruelty to a child.

Having considered their position following a hung jury, the Crown formally offered no evidence.

Recent Cases

R v. Oshodi & ors [Southwark] 2015

£1m International Banking Fraud

Mark Dacey defended in this long running Southwark fraud trial. Instructed by Thomas Boyd Whyte.

Inquest into the Death of Callum Osborne 2014

Inquest of groundworker buried alive when a trench collapsed

Mark Dacey acted as Counsel to the Inquiry at the Inquest into the death of Callum Osborne whom died on his second day working on a building site in Kent when he was buried alive after a "trench" collapse. The cause of death was heart failure.

BBC News report [here](#).

Inquest into the Death of Terrence Wooten 2014

Stabbing of Pensioner by Schizophrenic son

Christopher Sutton-Mattocks acted as Counsel to the Inquiry and Mark Dacey represented the family at this 2 week Inquest into the Death of Terrence Wooten who died by stabbing by his schizophrenic son.

News report [here](#).

R v. Oakley & ors [Birmingham] 2014

£34m V.A.T Fraud

Mark Dacey defended in this large scale V.A.T fraud. Instructed by Goldkorns.

R v. Bates & ors [Maidstone] 2014

£2m "Ponzi Scheme" Fraud

Mark Dacey defended, a complex and large scale, Ponzi scheme fraud. Instructed by Berry & Lamberts.

R v. B & ors [Maidstone] 2014

Revenge Killing

Mark Dacey led by Ian Glen QC defended one of 4 in a brutal revenge attack in Kent. The victims body was found on the beach in Sheerness having been beaten to death for an alleged sexual assault upon one of the defendants girlfriends.

R v. F & ors [Canterbury] 2013

Conspiracy to assist Unlawful Immigration

Mark Dacey led Senghin Kong defending an accounts manager at a security company. The defendant was charged with two counts of conspiracy to assist unlawful immigration. The allegation was that the company was receiving refugee passports unlawfully issued by a corrupt Home Office official. The defendant was acquitted of one of the counts at the close of the prosecution case following a successful submission of no case to answer, and acquitted of the other by the jury after a 3 month trial. Instructed by Thomas Boyd Whyte Solicitors.

R v. Cleland & 6 ors [Ipswich] 2012

£3.3m Evasion of Duty

Mark Dacey defended in this lengthy trial of 7 men for the evasion of import duties on over 20 million smuggled cigarettes. Instructed by Thomas Boyd Whyte.

R v. JK & ors [Reading] 2009

Conspiracy to supply drugs

Mark Dacey led Valeria Swift for the defence in this complex Conspiracy to supply drugs. They represented the only defendant to be found not guilty after a 3 month trial – successful result contingent on careful analysis of telephone evidence and extensive intrusive surveillance authorised under RIPA. Instructed by Dhanju Mclean.

Notable Cases

R v ABCD (Joint Enterprise) [2010] 2 Cr.App.R 32 2010

Murder

Mark Dacey, led by Ian Glen QC appeared in this reported case on joint enterprise murder - R v ABCD (Joint Enterprise) [2010] 2 Cr.App.R 32

R v Ramchurn (Diminished responsibility) [2010] 2 Cr.App.R.3 2010

Murder - Diminished Responsibility

Mark Dacey was led by Ian Glen QC in this reported case regarding Diminished Responsibility in a murder trial.