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## Donal Lawler

Donal Lawler is a specialist criminal practitioner with a diverse practice. His recent jury trials have included murder, drugs conspiracies and fraud. He is known for his tenacity, his attention to detail and the thoroughness of his preparation. He has a particular expertise in dealing with vulnerable clients.

Donal came to the Bar following a successful career in Business and IT Consulting.

He has a wide-ranging criminal defence practice including fraud, money laundering and confiscation proceedings, serious violence offences, drugs, robbery and extradition matters.

## Criminal Defence

**R v R and others** – Forced compulsory Labour. Described as one of the longest and most complex cases of its kind. Acted for the first defendant

**R v G and others** – Conspiracy to import firearms Instructed alone for the first Defendant, accused of importing and converting firearms to the West Midlands. Much of the defence relied on detailed analysis of cell-site evidence.

**R v W – Murder** – Defendant accused of murder having defended himself against a murderous assault. Case involved complex legal arguments and expert evidence relating to loss of control.

**R v WT Death by dangerous driving** – Represented a youth accused of causing the death of two people through his driving. Defendant was young with significant learning difficulties.

**R v VD and others** – Case involved the importation of over 100kg of cocaine into the United Kingdom and Netherlands, valued at £16 million and hidden in the rudder-stock area of tankers crossing from Colombia

**R v O** – Defendant accused of a series of gunpoint robberies

## Criminal Prosecution

**R v B** – Multi-Handed Conspiracy to supply Heroin and Cocaine



## Fraud & Financial Crime

**R v M and others** – Multi-handed conspiracy to defraud

**R v C** – Defendant accused of defrauding a number of elderly and vulnerable complainants.

## Trading Standards

Donal has been instructed to represent numerous defendants accused of overcharging for work, carrying out unnecessary work or substandard work. All cases involve substantial cross-examination of expert witnesses.

## Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

Grade 2 CPS Counsel

## Awards, Qualifications & Other

Contributing Editor, Criminal Law Weekly

Chapter Editor, Archbold's Criminal Practice

Former Secretary of the Criminal Bar Association

## Direct Access

Donal Lawler is approved to accept instructions direct from international and UK clients on a direct access basis, without the need for a solicitor intermediary in appropriate cases.