

Darryn Rollinson

2001 (Lincoln's Inn)

Qualifications

LLB Hons

Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Skills



Areas of practice/ experience

Darryn prosecutes and defends in all areas of crime. His practice covers offences against the person, harassment, public order offences, offences relating to weapons, frauds, burglary, theft and deception, drugs offences, sexual offences, breaches of anti social behaviour orders and driving offences. He also undertakes private client work.

Darryn places much emphasis on client care and has a great deal of experience representing young clients.

In addition to the above, Darryn has successfully represented soldiers at Army Courts-Martial hearings and civilian employees of the Army at Standing Civilian Courts.

Specific examples of work undertaken:

Among his many clients, Darryn has represented members of the 'Fathers for Justice' organisation and a well-known music artist ('MC').

He was instructed as junior counsel in a large case involving a conspiracy to import cocaine, heard at Manchester Crown Court.

Darryn represented a defendant for sentence in a case involving 14 defendants (referred to as the 'Bling Bling' gang) who were being sentenced for various offences surrounding the importation of what was believed to be £50 million of cocaine in a global conspiracy. The sentencing hearing lasted five days.

He has acted as junior counsel in a case involving a defendant charged with multiple offences contrary to the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Darryn has appeared in the High Court (Queen's Bench Division) to oppose an application by the Crown for a Voluntary Bill of Indictment in an alleged conspiracy to steal. This followed successful legal argument at the Crown Court to dismiss the charges: *R v McGuinness & Others* [2007] EWHC 1772 (QB).

In 2006, Darryn was instructed as Disclosure Junior by the Crown Prosecution Service (Special Casework Unit) in a large conspiracy to defraud case involving 16 defendants, which resulted in three trials over

approximately three years. The case involved a £20 million fraud on the NatWest Bank and the laundering of the monies obtained and had an international element involving other jurisdictions. 13 of the 16 defendants were convicted or pleaded guilty resulting in custodial sentences totalling more than 50 years.

As part of his role, Darryn worked closely with the City of London Police Economic Crime Department and spent time at the London headquarters of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group reviewing material and liaising with a representative of the Special Investigation Branch of the Bank and its lawyers.

Darryn dealt with applications and legal argument surrounding disclosure, including PII Applications and was trained to operate a multi screen computer system used for the electronic presentation of evidence.

Other relevant experience

Darryn recently completed a secondment with the Asset Forfeiture Division of the Revenue and Customs Prosecutions' Office, where he gained experience dealing with cases involving restraint orders and confiscation proceedings.

During the first half of 2006, Darryn spent time working for HM Revenue and Customs in the Law Enforcement and International Advisory Division (which became the Tax and Frontiers Crime Team) dealing with and advising on requests for mutual legal assistance from international authorities investigating crimes, including countries such as Germany, Spain, Ukraine and America.

Prior to entering practice as a Barrister, Darryn spent approximately two years working as a freelance paralegal for several firms of solicitors, conducting mainly criminal cases but also some family work. During this period, he was involved in a number of large trials; two fraud trials lasting several months and a three month kidnapping and violent disorder trial at the Central Criminal Court, involving two East London gangs.

Darryn has also worked for the Probation Service in a probation and bail hostel, where he worked closely with offenders.