

# Francis Lloyd

## 1987 (Inner Temple)



### QUALIFICATIONS

BA (Hons) Exeter  
Parking Adjudicator (2003)  
Congestion Charge Adjudicator (2003)

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Criminal Bar Association

### AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Licensing

### EXPERIENCE

Francis was called to the Bar at Inner Temple where he won the Advocacy Prize.

He has acted in a wide variety of cases including matters of dishonesty, ranging from theft to aggravated burglary and fraud; matters of public order, including violent disorder and riot; sexual matters including rape; all types of drug offences, including related ancillary matters; arson, and criminal damage. He has also been instructed in a number of racially aggravated matters.

### RECENT CASES

- **R v Bell and others** Defended 'B' on a charge of armed robbery. Convicted of robbery, but acquitted of possession of an imitation firearm. Sentence 4 years.  
*Reading Crown Court, 19 to 26 April 2010*
- **R v Eric Elvis Davis** Appeal against conviction for historic rape. Court ruled that evidence of an absent witness was improperly admitted pursuant to section 114 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003. However the admission of this evidence did not undermine the safety of the conviction. Appeal dismissed.  
*Court of Appeal. 13-28 May 2010*

### OTHER CASES

**R v L** Acted for the defendant who was charged with sexual assault. Neither the defendant nor the complainant was able to recall exactly what had occurred due to intoxication. The case raised the interesting issue of drunken consent.

**R v L and Others** Acted for the one of four defendants charged with aggravated burglary and blackmail. The case concerned a group of men who had travelled down to Kent to reclaim a debt. They were alleged to have held the two complainants at gunpoint in their own house for over half an hour.

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**R v M** The defendant was a serving soldier with the Princess of Wales' Regiment. He was charged with importing cocaine which was secreted in the First Aid box in the back of his hire car. An unusual aspect of the trial was that his route from Paderborn in Germany to Calais had taken him via Amsterdam. His explanation that this was due to a malfunction by his Sat Nav was accepted by the jury.

**R v L** Section 18 wounding. The defendant was charged with stabbing a man in the stomach during a fight. The jury accepted that he was acting in self defence - quite possibly because the complainant was a self admitted drug dealer.

**R v D and Others** Instructed by the CPS to prosecute a gang of teenage girls (17 were arrested of whom 11 faced trial) who had committed eleven separate robberies within the space of three hours in Notting Hill.

**R v B and T** The two defendants were charged with two counts of section 18 and three counts of attempted Section 18 OAPA (originally with five counts of attempted murder) after Turner had allegedly driven at a group of pedestrians deliberately running them over. The case was particularly interesting as the only evidence for the prosecution came from the back seat passenger in the defendants' car, who was interviewed under caution as a suspect. He refused to give evidence at trial, saying that he could not remember anything that had occurred and his police interview was put before the jury as a previous inconsistent statement. The conviction of both defendants has been appealed and should be heard in the near future.

## REPORTED CASES

**R v D [2001] 1 Cr App Rep 16** on the uses and abuses of Sections 23 and 26 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, where a witness does not give evidence through fear. It is also authority on the need for judges to give reasons for their rulings.

**DPP v G [1995] RTR 302**, which was concerned with the lawfulness of taking blood and/or urine samples in a drink/drive case.

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