

James Pavry

1974 (Inner Temple)



Qualifications

Oxford B.A. 1972

Appointments

Standing Counsel to the Department for Business Innovation and Skill (2002) (reappointed 2005)
SFO Panel of prosecuting counsel (2000).

Professional Associations

Criminal Bar Association
South Eastern Circuit

Area of specialisation

Corporate Fraud

Experience

For the first ten years at the bar, James Pavry had a general common law practice, but thereafter he specialised in criminal law. He prosecutes and defends at all levels and in recent years his practice has centred upon corporate and “white-collar” crime.

Has been instructed by the SFO, DTI and CPS Central Casework.

Recent defence cases include a major stolen car “cloning” fraud, a “missing trader” VAT fraud and an excise duty diversion fraud.

Prosecution cases include the prosecution of a solicitor/property dealer for theft from his client account and the prosecution of a juror for attempting to pervert the course of justice in a fraud trial.

Notable cases

R v B, C and L (2007)

Instructed by the SFO as first junior counsel in the prosecution of a CEO, deputy managing director and finance director of major insurance plc following its collapse with losses exceeding £500 million.

R v S, H, W & S (2005)

Instructed by the SFO as leading counsel in a six month trial concerning the abuse of the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme by controllers of an Environmental Body and their associates. The case involved detailed analysis of funds routed through numerous companies and supported by bogus or inflated invoices. The electronic presentation of evidence and the extensive use of graphics substantially reduced the length of trial and assisted in comprehension.

R v M and S (2004)

Instructed by the DTI to prosecute a conspiracy to defraud Royal and Sun Alliance plc at Manchester Crown Court.

R v Z and R (2003)

Instructed by the DTI to prosecute an insider trading case alleging disclosure of price sensitive information by an employee of NM Rothschild and Son.

R v K J and others (1999-2000)

Leading prosecution counsel instructed by the DTI in a four-month fraudulent trading trial at Leeds Crown Court. This case concerned a multi-level marketing fraud and was the largest criminal prosecution ever conducted by the D.T.I.

R v C (1996)

Defence counsel at trial and appellant's counsel in the Court of Appeal challenging the jurisdiction of the courts to pass sentence as if counts on the indictment were specimen - a commonplace practise hitherto (see Archbold 5-14). This case has had considerable implications for prosecutors in fraud trials.

R v V (1994)

Instructed by the SFO as junior counsel in one of a series of successful prosecutions following the collapse of BCCI. Nazmu Virani had been voted "Asian businessman of the year" in 1991, but was alleged to have colluded with the bank to deceive Price Waterhouse by signing bogus audit confirmation requests. As junior counsel, James drafted the case statement and worked closely with the accountants seconded to the SFO investigation team in the presentation of the case. He gained experience in the use of visual aids and graphics in showing the flow of funds worldwide.

R v G (1993)

Defence counsel at trial and junior counsel in the House of Lords in a leading authority on theft (see Archbold 21-22ff). This case had particular relevance to appropriation of company funds by company controllers.

R v B (D) (1985)

Defence counsel at trial and appellant's counsel in the Court of Appeal - a decision on self-defence finally removing the duty to retreat (see Archbold 19-14).