



## Robert Evans

Robert is a specialist criminal advocate. He is instructed as leading junior and in cases against silks. His cases often appear in the national press. His expertise and advice is sought on Police operations before charge. He is experienced in dealing with complex cases, intelligence led Police investigations, RIPA regulated activity, and cases that depend entirely upon circumstantial evidence.

When defending, Robert has represented people from all parts of society including politicians, blue chip companies, and the mentally ill. He has dealt with cases referred from the Criminal Cases Review Commission and been successful on appeal in such cases.

Robert is a Grade 4 prosecutor for the CPS and a Rape Panel advocate. He is experienced in cases that involve NCA, SO15, SO19, Trident, Flying Squad, Sapphire (and their complex case division), shootings and organized crime networks.

Robert is currently instructed in a number of Police Operations that have yet to conclude at trial. Robert has lectured forensic scientists and assisted with the assessments of forensic scientists at UCL and King's College, London.

### Qualifications

Criminal Bar Association  
South Eastern Circuit  
Central London Bar Mess  
Gray's Inn  
Justice  
Young Barristers' Committee, General Council of the Bar

### Notable Cases

#### Attempted murder

Operation Gravone – attempted murder – tried at the Central Criminal Court – Organised Crime Group (OCG) shooting of rivals. In a drug debt dispute a drug dealer was kidnapped and tortured by international enforcers from a rival OCG. More senior members of the dealer's OCG organized a shooting to settle the score. This complex case featured covert recordings from a probe used in evidence, firearms gang slang, ballistics and phone evidence, Prosecuted to conviction. See <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/metropolitan-police-man-sentenced-ten-years-jail-firearms-advice-b984038.html>

Operation Holcus – attempted murder – machete attack between gang rivals. The victim had been derogatively featured in a drill music video. He attacked a rival with a machete, but ended up having it used against him in excessive self-defence that saw the skull fractured, and a large skull fragment forced into his brain.

Operation Ara – attempted murder of four young men. Several of the victims refused to co-operate with Police and remained unidentified on the indictment. Tried at the Central Criminal Court. Prosecuted to conviction. For press report see: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/1414742/shocking-moment-range-rover-rams-into-crowd-during-ramadan-celebration-leaving-teen-fighting-for-his-life/>

R v YS – attempted murder of a stranger at a tube station. This case received national media coverage. After the first day of trial it was the lead story on ITV's 6 o'clock news. For a press report, see <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3681313/Japanese-pensioner-waited-45-minutes-trying-kill-stranger-pushing-Bakerloo-Line-train-sentenced-mental-hospital.html>

R v HF – attempted murder – knife attack following a street confrontation. Prosecuted to conviction. 19 year sentence.

Sexual offences

R v SK – Robert prosecuted a former Children's BBC presenter. Prosecuted conviction. See

Operation Blake – stranger sex attack. Robert prosecuted through trial to conviction. See <https://metro.co.uk/2023/06/27/three-heroes-rescued-woman-from-sexual-assault-and-tracked-down-attacker-19023641/>

R v RH – teacher having inappropriate sexual relationship with student. Robert prosecuted through trial to conviction. See <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/hanna-metropolitan-police-inner-london-crown-court-southwark-london-b967823.html>

R v V – rape of a child under 13. Prosecuted through trial to conviction. 20 year sentence.

Operation Valemount – stranger sex attack on 17 year old girl – prosecuted to conviction – 16 year sentence.

Operation Fitzroy – Child sex exploitation – 5 defendants sexually exploited teenage girls brought to a flat in Picadilly. For a press report see <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3621720/Sex-ring-couple-run-boyfriend-took-explicit-photos-teenage-girl-plied-booze-legal-highs-tied-lover-molest-her.html>

R v NC – Arranging child sex offence. Undercover police operation. Defendant represented by KC. Prosecuted to conviction 7 year sentence.

R v GC – marital rape of a respected academic. This case concerned marital rape over 20 years. Prosecuted through trial to conviction.

R v W – rape of a 4 year old by a 12 year old. Prosecuted to conviction.

R v CC – historic sexual abuse on vulnerable women in the 1970s and 1980s. Robert prosecuted alone. Defendant represented by QC and junior. Prosecuted through trial to conviction. 18 year sentence.

R v K – rape of a complainant with Down's syndrome, by a mentally disordered defendant. Robert prosecuted alone. Defendant represented by QC

R v C – historic sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priest. Prosecuted to conviction. 19 year sentence.

R v McD-S – prison rape. Prosecuted to conviction. 12 year sentence.

R v C – End of relationship rape. Sensitive cultural issues. Reluctant complainant (family pressure), summonsed. Prosecuted through trial to conviction.

R v S – end of relationship rape, where complainant was unaware she had been raped. She reported him to the police for fraud on another. Prosecuted through trial to conviction. Defence

appealed as to use of fraud convictions in rape trial. Robert appeared in Court of Appeal. Convictions upheld.

R v F – incest by brain damaged defendant resulting in the birth of a baby with genetic defects. Prosecuted to conviction. 13 year sentence.

R v Hunt – series of sexual assaults by gas engineer on victims in their homes. Similar fact evidence used. Robert prosecuted through trial to conviction. See link <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1322270/Jail-sex-attacker-posed-yoga-expert.html>  
Drugs

Operation Dextran. Encrochat drugs case. Robert leads for the prosecution. Trial fixed for 2024.

Operation Teebo, Robert prosecuted high value drug conspiracy. Prosecuted through trial to conviction. 18 year sentence. £1.4 million confiscation order. See <https://news.met.police.uk/news/five-men-jailed-for-61-years-for-drugs-offences-467189>

Operation Robioca. Robert led for the Crown prosecuting multiple drug conspiracies. Prosecuted through trial to conviction.

Operation Dreghorn. Robert prosecuted a sophisticated drug dealer that rented a series of properties so that his drugs could be stored and packaged there for supply by his dealers. Covert recordings were used in evidence. Prosecuted to conviction.

Operation Ranok. Robert prosecuted to conviction a high ranking London gang nominal running a drug supply line.

Operation Magnus – large scale supply of MDMA in powder form, two of the defendants were represented by QCs. Prosecuted to convictions on all counts. Sentences ranged from 7 to 13 years 6 months.

R v W & B – Large scale drug supply. London Serious Crime Squad case. Williams represented by QC. Prosecuted to conviction. 15 year sentence. See [http://www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/news/11267221.Drug\\_dealers\\_from\\_Bromley\\_Bexley\\_and\\_Bexleyheath\\_jailed\\_after\\_26\\_million\\_cocaine\\_supply/](http://www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/news/11267221.Drug_dealers_from_Bromley_Bexley_and_Bexleyheath_jailed_after_26_million_cocaine_supply/)

Operation Fisheagle. Robert defended one of 14 defendants accused of controlling and supervising significant dealers in the conspiracy. Witness Anonymity order successfully opposed. Acquittal on two out of nine counts with clear covert footage.

R v E & others – Large scale cocaine importations. Robert defended the principal defendant who was accused of organising and running ‘couriers’ bringing cocaine into the UK on a regular basis.

Serious violence

Operation Schaeffer – Robert prosecuted a kidnap case where an OCG kidnapped their money launderer and held him to ransom in a dispute about how the money was laundered. Prosecuted to conviction. 19 year sentence. See <https://www.casemine.com/judgement/uk/62b9fa75b50db90d4b556c91>

R v JB – Aggravated burglary and GBH. Robert prosecuted through trial to conviction. 15 year sentence. See <https://www.hackneygazette.co.uk/news/22932913.i-thought-going-throat-cut-man-gets-15-years-aggravated-clapton-house-robbery/>

Operation Wheelwright – Robert prosecuted a threats to kill case for SO15 (the Metropolitan Police’s Counter-Terrorism and Terrorism Command).

R v S & others – gang related kidnap. Victim was kidnapped in the mistaken belief he belonged to a rival gang. Victim refused to co-operate with the prosecution at trial. Prosecuted through trial to conviction.

R v M-A & others – ‘Honour crime’ domestic violence Kidnap, false imprisonment and ABH – Robert defended the lead defendant who was acquitted of all ‘honour crime’ offences after trial. For facts, see <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/9052195/Muslim-teenager-attacked-by-brother-and-sisters-for-kissing-white-man.html>

R v C – s.18 GBH – Pre-planned ambush attack. Victim refused to co-operate with the prosecution at trial. Robert prosecuted using circumstantial evidence.

R v A & others – s.18 GBH – Four man machete and samurai sword attack. Robert defended through trial to acquittal.

R v O & O – Arson in context of ‘business dispute’. Robert prosecuted to conviction.

R v G & others – Kidnap & s. 18 GBH (amputation of a thumb in a drugs dispute). Robert represented the lead defendant.

R v G – GBH – ‘Shaken’ baby twins. Robert defended.

## Firearms

Operation Lacinate – 5-handed guns and drugs trial at Snaresbrook Crown Court. Robert led for the Crown in a six week trial concerning multiple firearms, each with ammunition and significant quantities of cocaine and cannabis. In addition to this more than £100,000 in cash (the proceeds of previous drug dealing) was recovered at the scene. Prosecuted through trial to conviction. 19 year sentence for principal.

Operation Ataxo – The only successful prosecution from Newham’s ‘Summer of Shootings’ in 2017. Bail tag data used to locate and track those involved. Robert prosecuted, a QC defended. 10 year 9 month sentence.

Operation Clethra – Robert prosecuted through trial to conviction, firearms offences following a shooting in Lewisham. 13 year sentences.

Operation Bubonic – Robert prosecuted a 7-handed firearms and drugs conspiracy through trial to convictions

R v Bartley – possessing a firearm and ammunition. Robert prosecuted through trial to conviction. 8 year sentence.

R v A – possessing an imitation firearm with intent. SO19 officers shot the defendant twice after he pointed the gun at them. Sensitive handling required. Robert prosecuted.

R v Abbas & Mnamata – Possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life. Cocked, loaded (live ammunition) and ready to fire firearm, during police raid. Prosecuted through trial to conviction. 9 year sentence.

## Fraud / Money laundering

Operation Cambusmore – A sophisticated conspiracy to handle and clone stolen cars globally worth £2 million. Robert prosecuted through trial to conviction.

Operation Germany – Conspiracy to steal high value cars with a global value of over £1 million. Robert led for the prosecution. 12 year sentence.

Operation Steric – Robert defended a manager in a Fraud by staff employed by A4e. See link <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-30821458>

R v VI – counterfeit passport factory. Robert defended.

R v O & others – Money laundering monies from an Ebay fraud. Robert defended to acquittal.

R v M – Money laundering – Successful defence of man who received thousands of pounds in his bank account from an internet fraud.

R v E & another – International money laundering. Robert defended the lead defendant.

#### Robbery

Operation Wolf – A series of ‘acid attack’ car-jackings including a celebrity victim. See <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5519089/Brain-damaged-boxer-Michael-Watson-beaten-robbed-carjacker.html>

Operation Guddle – Robert prosecuted a series of v high value (£100k to £750k each) watch robberies, by sophisticated and professional international team. Prosecuted through trial to conviction.

R v D & M – armed robbery with firearms. Flying Squad case. Robert prosecuted to conviction.

Operation Tabari – A series of ‘cash in transit’ robberies in South London. Circumstantial evidence including cell site and CCTV. Prosecuted to conviction.

R v B & others – 18 counts plus related offences. Robert prosecuted to conviction.

R v L & another – £170,000 jewel heist. Robert represented main getaway driver (principals never caught).

#### Other cases of interest

R v SK – possession of extreme porn – Robert prosecuted to conviction a form Children’s TV presenter that had extraordinary interests in animals.

R v Ewins & Sesay – HSG – Robert prosecuted a case involving a memory stick containing intimate photographs of Prince William and Kate Middleton. See <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/theroyalfamily/6061549/Prince-William-Kate-Middleton-Mustique-holiday-camera-stick.html>, alternatively see <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/8212233.stm>

Operation Gemini – R v Al Tahabi & others. Robert prosecuted conspiracies to burgle, convert criminal property, and handle stolen goods.

R v Anderson & another – Illegal disposal of industrial waste. Robert was junior in a case reported (in the press) as being the largest conspiracy of such a type in London.

R v T – Burglary – Robert successfully defended through trial to acquittal a man who’s DNA was found inside burgled premises.

R v Barrett – attempted s. 18 GBH (infection with Hepatitis C). Robert prosecuted to conviction.

R v A – Robbery. Successful defence of man who accepted in interview punching the victim in the face while demanding money expert with no expert of his own. Prosecuted through trial to conviction.

R v B & another – a Criminal Cases Review Commission case concerning a corrupt senior police officer. Robert successfully appealed the conviction.

#### Memberships

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Justice

He has served on the Young Barristers' Committee of the General Council of the Bar. Before coming to the bar, Robert worked at Hickman & Rose Solicitors dealing with criminal cases. Following that, he was a lawyer for Herbert Smith and Norton Rose Solicitors, working in their commercial litigation departments on trials involving multinational corporations, international trust funds, and city traders.

#### Interests

Robert's interests include family, fitness and crosswords. Between 2001 and 2002 Robert helped set up his local law centre and was its Treasurer.

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