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Rossano Scamardella KC has gained a reputation for meticulous preparation, impeccable judgment and fearless advocacy, whether defending or prosecuting.

Rossano is now recognised as one of the foremost barristers in the field of heavyweight criminal litigation including offences of homicide, serious sexual offending, large-scale financial crime and cross-jurisdictional drugs and firearms importations.

Since taking Silk, Rossano's practice continues to thrive. He has been instructed in a number of high-profile and complex cases involving offences of the utmost gravity.

Expertise

Crime

Notable Crime cases

Regina v KS 0 Central Criminal Court (2020)

Represented the man charged with the terrorist murders of three men and the multiple attempted murders of others in a park in Reading.

Regina v HL - Central Criminal Court (2020)

Represented the driver of the car involved the killing of PC Andrew Harper. Defendant acquitted of murder.

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Regina v RK - Manchester Crown Court (2020)

Represented the first defendant in a two-handed drugs turf murder. Case ongoing.

Regina v CD - Central Criminal Court (2019)

Nine-handed knife-killing.

Regina v SL - Birmingham Crown Court (2019)

Three-handed murder involving multiple weapons.

R v WM - Preston Crown Court (2019)

Defendant charged with multiple counts of rape and other serious sexual offences against women and children.

Regina v W & W - Reading Crown Court (2018)

Two-handed murder involving the infliction of over forty stab wounds.

Regina v PM - Harrow Crown Court (2018)

PM was charged, along with his wife, with the systematic rape of, and cruelty to, his own children.

Regina v D & Others - Wood Green Crown Court (2018)

A conspiracy to house, store and transfer lethal firearms for use when required by a notorious North London gang.

Regina v DD - Woolwich Crown Court (2018)

A cross-jurisdictional conspiracy to import heroin, cocaine and firearms through Europe into the UK.

Regina v CS - Reading Crown Court (2017)

Double attempted murder of two schoolgirls.

Regina v DS - Portsmouth Crown Court (2017)

The defendant groomed and raped three small children from the same family having moved into their home.

Regina v B & Others - Bristol Crown Court (2017)

Murder, Attempted Murder and Perverting the course of Justice, arising out of a dispute between two families.

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Regina v DJ & Others - Stafford Crown Court (2017)

DJ one of eight charged with targeting and rape of vulnerable school girls.

Regina v N & Others - Harrow Crown Court (2017)

Conspiracy to possess and transfer firearms with intent to endanger life. A planned, sophisticated conspiracy to move firearms across London.

Regina v JM - Wolverhampton Crown Court (2016)

Murder of a pensioner on Christmas Eve outside his home.

Regina v CY - Reading Crown Court (2016)

Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent, committed on a twelve-week old baby.

Regina v SH & Others - Reading Crown Court (2016)

Sixteen year old girl charged as part of a gang, with rape of a twelve-year old girl.

Regina v BB - Nottingham Crown Court (2016)

Grave sexual offending against five women from the same family, including extremely vulnerable mother and daughter.

Financial & Corporate Crime

Since being called to the Bar, Rossano has been prosecuted and defended in heavyweight financial and business crime, bribery, corruption and large-scale frauds of all descriptions.

This has included pre-charge advice and matters of substantial litigation.

Notable Financial & Corporate Crime cases

Regina v JI - Grand Court Cayman Islands (2020)

Represented a pilot charged with cross-jurisdictional Money Laundering and gold smuggling offences. Defendant acquitted.

Regina v FM - Nottingham Crown Court (2018/2019)

Multi-handed, VAT, tax and benefit fraud.

Regina v S & Others - Blackfriars Crown Court (2017)

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Multi-handed, multi-million pound boiler room fraud.

Regina v JS & Others - Southwark Crown Court (2014-2017)

Conspiracy to Corrupt, Money Laundering and Fraudulent Trading. High-profile prosecution of those connected to the Impaired Asset Division of HBoS, with losses said to total over £250 million.

Directory Quotes

“An absolutely extraordinary and talented advocate with a calm and reassuring manner. He is brilliant with the clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“Rossano has outstanding communication skills with clients of all backgrounds. He is meticulous in respect of the work that they do, in particular, building cases around unused material. The closing speeches that Rossano delivers are second to none.”

Legal 500 2022

“His cross-examination and closing speeches are always of a high standard and impressive.”

Legal 500 2021 Crime

“Juries love his charismatic and powerful advocacy.”

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