



# Simon Kealey KC

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Simon Kealey KC is an extremely popular and personable advocate who enjoys a busy practice concentrating on criminal and regulatory law.

Simon's area of expertise extends across the range of the most serious cases from homicide to terrorism, serious fraud, sexual offences and accidents at work. His homicide practice ranges from multi defendant gangland murders to cases involving complex medical evidence and gross negligence manslaughter (including accidents at work); His serious fraud work includes trials involving HMRC and government departments as well as complex confiscation hearings. Simon has extensive experience of undertaking sexual offences trials as well as experience in undertaking terrorist trials.

His recent cases include gangland murders in both Sheffield and Manchester, a complex murder involving infanticide and representing a Kurdish man accused of plotting to bomb Christmas markets.

Those instructing him describe him as 'absolutely meticulous', 'thorough calm and persuasive' and the 'a top player in silk'.

Simon also undertakes private cases both at trial and on appeal post-conviction, particularly involving allegations of sexual misconduct.

## Expertise

### Murder & Manslaughter

#### Notable Murder & Manslaughter cases

R v Redmond, Metcalfe & Crutchley

Multi defendant murder of man involving extensive torture of the victim .

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-51588781>

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R v Barker, Gray, Walker & Foster

Multi defendant murder of drug dealer in a gangland feud.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-48613715>

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R v Tunstill

Murder of new born baby by her mother in the immediate period after birth. Extensive psychiatric and psychological evidence.

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R v Scott

Attempted murder of four children by their father who took his children from their mother, drove around the UK before hitting each of them around the head with a hammer and deliberately driving into a stone wall.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-43072412>

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R v Procter

Murder of Defendant's own son by throwing him out of 6<sup>th</sup> floor window in a block of flats.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-44500042>

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R v Coughlin

Gangland murder in drugs war in Manchester.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-42707675>

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R v Westland

Prison murder of baby killer. Trial involved expert toxicological evidence relating to the ingestion of 'spice'.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-45044604>

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R v Cranston

Gross negligence manslaughter trial involving starvation of family member.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-44800390>

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R v Lawler

Acted for defendant in high profile murder of elderly man. Case was featured on BBC's Crimewatch.



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R v Dormer

Lead advocate in murder trial and subsequent conviction appeal concerning expert evidence and recovered memory.

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R v Crane

Prosecution for manslaughter by gross negligence involving fatal accident on a farm.

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## Serious Crime

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### Notable Serious Crime cases

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R v Star

Defendant charged with preparing acts of terrorism involving the use of explosives in a driverless car.

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R v Butlin

Defendant charged with a firearms conspiracy following the shooting by police of a man on M62

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R v Matthews & Donovan

Acting for the prosecution as Junior to Julian Goose KC in the case concerning the kidnap of the 9-year old Shannon Matthews by her mother Karen.

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R v Skidmore

Highly unusual case involving conspiracy to prevent a lawful burial by two undertakers. The only modern reported case in this area cited in Archbold and raises important issues about the scope of the offence.

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R v Roddis

Defendant previously convicted of terrorist offences charged with further offences involving the possession of explosives.

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R v Hepworth

Acted for Prosecution in triple death by dangerous case.

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## Fraud & Money Laundering

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## Notable Fraud & Money Laundering cases

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### R v Ayub & Others

Leading counsel in a multi handed conspiracy to defraud the Legal Aid Agency by a firm of Solicitors in Bradford.

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### Operation Oldham

Leading counsel in multi handed conspiracy to defraud the Government of monies obtained by grants to fund a Bradford Free School.

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### R v UI Haq & Others

Lead advocate in multi handed people trafficking trial.

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### R v Hussain & Others

Acted for lead Defendant in multi handed people trafficking & fraud trial.

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### Operation Jamesford

International fraud and money laundering trial involving 'cuckoo smurfing' to transfer money out of the UK.

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### R v Ali

Commercial fraud involving £10m land transfers.

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## Private Client

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### Notable Private Client cases

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#### R v Howarth

Historic sexual allegations within the family.

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#### R v Cunningham

Appeal against conviction and sentence for multiple sexual offences.

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#### R v Mills

HGV driver charged with death by dangerous driving where potential issue over state of vehicle & funded by employer's insurance. Negotiated plea with prosecution to offence of death by careless driving.

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R v Vaughan

Senior NHS manager charged with historic child sex offences & child cruelty. After trial, defendant was acquitted of all charges save one.

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## Reported Cases

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### Notable Reported Cases cases

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R v Tunstill [2019] 1 WLR 416

Successful appeal against conviction for murder of new born baby. Issues raised in respect of infanticide as alternative verdict to murder where the Accused relies upon pre-existing mental condition.

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R v W [2013] EWCA Crim 861.

Appeal against conviction involving fresh evidence and expert evidence relating to the effects of Autism on offending behaviour.

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R v Friesner [2012] Crim 962

Appeal against sentence involving theft by a barrister from his Chambers.

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R v Kazantsis [2010] EWCA Crim 712

Appeal relating to pressure of time upon a jury in the lead up to a public holiday.

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R v Skidmore [2009] Crim L.R. 42

Highly unusual case involving conspiracy to prevent a lawful burial by two undertakers. The only modern reported case in this area cited in Archbold and raises important issues about the scope of the offence.

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R v Roys [2009] 1 Cr App R (S) 91

Appeal against sentence involving fatal accident at a power station.

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R v Potts [2008] EWCA Crim 962

Appeal involving sexual offences.

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R v TW [2005] EWCA Crim 2684

Appeal involving propriety of questions asked by Judge during trial.

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R (on application of DPP) v Kipling [2005] EWHC 854 (Admin)

Case stated in respect of alibi evidence.

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R v Martin [2005] EWCA Crim 801

Appeal against refusal to discharge a jury following plea of co-accused.

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R v Downes [2005] EWCA Crim 457

Appeal involving refusal to disclose sensitive material.

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R v Khan [2004] EWCA Crim 1982

Appeal against sentence involving indication of sentence by Judge in chambers.

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R v H [2004] EWCA Crim 1016

Appeal against inconsistent verdicts of jury.

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R v Whiteley [2001] 2 Cr App R (S) 99

Appeal against life sentence for second s18 offence.

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## Appointments

- Recorder (2012)

## Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- North Eastern Circuit

## Seminars

- Infanticide Reconsidered
- SGC Guidelines for Sexual Offences

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- Bad Character Update
- Rape: Preparing the case for trial

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