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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.

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Murder/Manslaughter

Representative Cases

- *R v Redmond, Metcalfe & Crutchley*
Multi defendant murder of man involving extensive torture of the victim .
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-51588781>
- *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>
- *R v Tunstill*
Murder of new born baby by her mother in the immediate period after birth. Extensive psychiatric and psychological evidence.
- *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>
- *R v Procter*
Murder of Defendant's own son by throwing him out of 6th floor window in a block of flats.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-44500042>
- *R v Coughlin*
Gangland murder in drugs war in Manchester.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-42707675>
- *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>
- *R v Cranston*
Gross negligence manslaughter trial involving starvation of family member.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-44800390>
- *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.
- *R v Crane*
Prosecution for manslaughter by gross negligence involving fatal accident on a farm.

Other Serious Crime

Representative Cases

- *R v Star*
Defendant charged with preparing acts of terrorism involving the use of explosives in a driverless car.
- *R v Butlin*
Defendant charged with a firearms conspiracy following the shooting by police of a man on M62
- *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.
- *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.
- *R v Roddis*
Defendant previously convicted of terrorist offences charged with further offences involving the possession of explosives.
- *R v Hepworth*
Acted for Prosecution in triple death by dangerous case.

Fraud & Money Laundering

Representative Cases

- *R v Ayub & Others*
Leading counsel in a multi handed conspiracy to defraud the Legal Aid Agency by a firm of Solicitors in Bradford.
- *Operation Oldham*
Leading counsel in multi handed conspiracy to defraud the Government of monies obtained by grants to fund a Bradford Free School.
- *R v Ul Haq & Others*
Lead advocate in multi handed people trafficking trial.
- *R v Hussain & Others*
Acted for lead Defendant in multi handed people trafficking & fraud trial.
- *Operation Jamesford*
International fraud and money laundering trial involving 'cuckoo smurfing' to transfer money out of the UK.
- *R v Ali*
Commercial fraud involving £10m land transfers.

Reported Cases

Representative Cases

- *R v Tunstall [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.
- *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.
- *R v Friesner [2012] Crim 962*
Appeal against sentence involving theft by a barrister from his Chambers.
- *R v Kazantsis [2010] EWCA Crim 712*
Appeal relating to pressure of time upon a jury in the lead up to a public holiday.
- *R v Skidmore [2009] Crim L.R. 42*
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- *R v Roys [2009] 1 Cr App R (S) 91*
Appeal against sentence involving fatal accident at a power station.
- *R v Potts [2008] EWCA Crim 962*
Appeal involving sexual offences.
- *R v TW [2005] EWCA Crim 2684*
Appeal involving propriety of questions asked by Judge during trial.
- *R (on application of DPP) v Kipling [2005] EWHC 854 (Admin)*
Case stated in respect of alibi evidence.
- *R v Martin [2005] EWCA Crim 801*
Appeal against refusal to discharge a jury following plea of co-accused.
- *R v Downes [2005] EWCA Crim 457*
Appeal involving refusal to disclose sensitive material.
- *R v Khan [2004] EWCA Crim 1982*
Appeal against sentence involving indication of sentence by Judge in chambers.
- *R v H [2004] EWCA Crim 1016*
Appeal against inconsistent verdicts of jury.
- *R v Whiteley [2001] 2 Cr App R (S) 99*
Appeal against life sentence for second s18 offence.

Private Client

Representative Cases

- *R v Howarth*
Historic sexual allegations within the family.
- *R v Cunningham*
Appeal against conviction and sentence for multiple sexual offences.
- *R v Mills*
HGV driver charged with death by dangerous driving where potential issue over state of vehicle & funded by

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employer's insurance. Negotiated plea with prosecution to offence of death by careless driving.

- *R v Vaughan*

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

Seminars

- Infanticide Reconsidered
- SGC Guidelines for Sexual Offences
- Bad Character Update
- Rape: Preparing the case for trial

What the directories say

"Simon Kealey was well prepared, knew the case inside out and has an advocacy style that appeals to a jury." "He is a strong, capable advocate."

Chambers and Partners 2024

"Simon is an impressive and polished advocate."

Chambers & Partners 2023

"He is able to present complex issues effectively and persuasively with a confidence achieved through solid preparation and mastery of the evidence."

Chambers & Partners 2023

"A respected practitioner who is highly regarded for his advocacy in serious criminal cases. He is especially familiar with cases involving drugs conspiracy and people trafficking."

Chambers & Partners 2022

"Simon prepares thoroughly, and has a manner that puts the clients and their families at ease. His advocacy is of the highest standard, commanding respect from opponents and the judiciary."

Legal 500 2022

"Respected and liked by the judiciary."

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Chambers & Partners 2021 (Crime)

"He is absolutely meticulous and really gets his points across."

Chambers & Partners 2020 (Crime)

"Very hard working and a great barrister."

Legal 500 2019 (Crime)

"Respected practitioner who is highly regarded for his advocacy in serious criminal cases. He is especially familiar with cases involving drugs conspiracy and people trafficking."

Chambers & Partners 2019

"He will be a top player in silk - he is the complete package."

Chambers & Partners 2019

"A very thorough, calm and persuasive advocate."

Chambers & Partners 2019

"His practice includes multi-defendant heavyweight criminal cases."

Legal 500 2018

Appointments & Memberships

Recorder (2012)

Criminal Bar Association

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