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Stuart Graham is a highly respected barrister and accomplished trial advocate. He is recognised for his extensive experience in prosecuting and defending complex and serious criminal cases at the highest level for the last 30 years. As leading counsel, Stuart has appeared in numerous high-level cases that warranted national media coverage and has experience both alone and led in the Court of Appeal and High Court.

Stuart now mainly focuses on prosecution work, with his practice covering a broad range of serious criminal activity, including murder, manslaughter, road traffic or aviation accidents, serious assault, international people trafficking and modern slavery, firearms offences, arson, serious organised crime, drug trafficking, fraud and conspiracy. Stuart was also involved in defending modern slavery offences and some of the first coercive and controlling behaviour prosecutions.

He particularly relishes intricate cases involving technical, factual issues, timelines, mobile cell and forensic evidence, expert witnesses, and crime reconstruction. This has proved most useful when instructed in complex road traffic accidents, Health and Safety prosecutions, and technical areas of aviation law.

Stuart's impressive skill set also extends to aviation, where he continues to defend and prosecute. He has the distinct and unique advantage of having worked as a commercial pilot for over 25 years before coming to the bar. Stuart has successfully represented pilots, aircrew and aviation personnel accused of breaches of the Air Navigation Order, as well as prosecuting on behalf of the Civil Aviation Authority in highly technical cases such as breaches of landing minima. This unique dual experience enables clients to have access to a barrister who can genuinely relate to the technicalities of flying from actual experience, in addition to having 30 years of legal knowledge in Court.

Expertise

Crime

Stuart Graham has throughout his career solely specialised in crime. He has over 20 years experience in the Crown Court

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defending criminal cases at the very highest level. In the last year Stuart has defended in cases of murder, international people trafficking, serious assaults, armed robberies and aggravated burglaries. With regard to recent legislation, Stuart has been involved in defending modern slavery offences and some of the first coercive and controlling behaviour prosecutions.

In addition, Stuart has lengthy experience in fraud, 'cash for crash' cases and complex drug and theft conspiracies. The use of time line, cell site and forensic analysis that is integral to such cases, is something Stuart is very proficient with.

Stuart is regularly instructed in cases of violent disorder, firearms offences, arson with intent to endanger life, and blackmail.

Coming initially from a technical career in aviation, Stuart particularly relishes intricate cases involving accident reconstruction, expert evidence in complex road traffic accidents, and Health and Safety prosecutions.

Notable Crime cases

2023 R v L

Manslaughter case involving issues of causation. The defendant was eventually sentenced in Feb 2023.

[Read more.](#)

2023 R v R

Led in multi-handed murder of Father stabbed multiple times in front of his 3 children, which was captured on CCTV. Acquittal of murder secured in Feb 2023 for the client who had the leading role according to the Prosecution.

[Read more.](#)

2020 R v D

Led in murder trial invoking significant specialist road traffic reconstruction and expert evidence -acquittal of murder secured for client.

2019 R v I - Conveying Articles into Prison

Involved in one of the specialist prison prosecution teams' cases involving attempting to move weapons, phones and drugs into local prisons.

2018 R v T (murder) acting as Junior Counsel alone

Defending client in high profile murder case which had become one of the North East of England's largest manhunts with the case going unsolved for nearly two decades.

2018 Operation Bowler - People Smuggling and Slavery

Secured acquittal on the main 'People Trafficking' charge for client after a 14 week trial.

2018 R v K - Coercive Controlling Behaviour

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Involved in prosecution which was one of the first of it's kind in the area. A BBC prison documentary being delayed until the conclusion of this case.

2018 R v M - Death by Dangerous Driving

Involved multiple fatalities and varies technical issues.

Aviation Law

Stuart Graham is a somewhat unique specialist in Aviation Law. He has undertaken cases on behalf of pilots and aircrew accused of breaches of the Air Navigation Order. Stuart has the distinct and unique advantage in this field of having worked as a pilot for over 25 years in the aviation industry. Stuart commenced flying in 1985, first obtaining a basic licence and subsequent instrument and instructor qualifications, leading to becoming a Senior Flight Instructor with associated Commercial Pilot's Licence. Whilst mainly defending pilots and other aviation personnel, Stuart has also prosecuted on behalf of the Civil Aviation Authority in highly technical cases such as breaches of landing minima.

Stuart has the rare combination of over 25 years in professional flying coupled with his vast Court experience as a Barrister. This unique dual experience enables clients access to a barrister who can genuinely relate to the technicalities of flying from the real experience gained in over thousands of hours of professional flying time and in addition have the Court experience to utilise that knowledge.

Stuart was recently specifically chosen to represent a commercial pilot and aircraft captain prosecuted in a high profile case. This trial involved the detailed cross examination of professional witnesses such as air traffic controllers. The case also involved technical areas of meteorology and aviation law and evidence interpretation through the use of Court visual aids. The trial concluded in an acquittal for the accused whose professional livelihood and career was in jeopardy.

If you have an aviation related matter, then you could not find elsewhere a more appropriately qualified lawyer to be engaged with your case.

Appointments

- CPS Level 3 Prosecutor
- Judge of National & Local Schools Mooting Competitions (2003-2012)
- Crown Court User Liaison Representative

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Lincoln's Inn

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Publications

Bar Vocational Course part time lecturing.

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