



Gareth Hughes

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Gareth has gained a reputation as an extremely able criminal advocate. He is friendly and approachable but also hard working. He is often instructed in cases that require a particularly sensitive approach.

He is usually able to get on with and reassure the most difficult and troubled lay clients. In court, he is well prepared, measured and persuasive and is considered to be a first rate and very effective jury advocate whether instructed by the prosecution or the defence.

Specialist Areas

Bribery & Corruption

Criminal Defence

Criminal Prosecution

Fraud & Financial Crime

Courts Martial & Military Law

Private Prosecution

Sports Law

Cases

Criminal Defence

Instructed as Leading Junior

Regina v RR Murder: Epping Forest “honour” killing;

Regina v TF Murder: Mentally disturbed defendant killing partner;

Regina v JP Murder: Drunk defendant killing best friend;

Regina v RF Attempted Murder: Horrific attack causing multiple injuries;

Regina v BG Causing death by dangerous driving. Newly qualified driver loses control. Car hits schoolchildren;

Regina v MT Conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. Major police operation to eradicate drug dealing in residential area. Represented main defendant out of 50 arrested;

Regina v MR “County lines” drug conspiracy;



Regina v S & ors. Gang grooming vulnerable teenagers

Instructed as Led Junior

Regina v B & ors. Murder: Gangland contract killing;

Regina v C Kidnapping, false imprisonment and sexual assaults on family;

Regina v D.T Murder. Husband on wife

Regina v SH & ors. Attempted Murder. Machete attack

Criminal Prosecution

Regularly instructed by RASSO in serious sexual allegations. Recent cases include:

Regina v T Multiple rapes. Victims met online;

Regina v BS Rape in marriage

Regina v P Rape of prostitute

Regina v M & ors Rape of vulnerable woman

Other recent cases include

Regina v M multiple stabbings

Regina v AS & ors Kidnapping and serious gang related assaults

Fraud and Financial Crime

Regina v G fraudulent managing agent. Huge losses.

Trading Standards

Regina v W trader preying on the elderly

Military Cases

Regina -v- Pt M & ors Murder in Iraq

Numerous other cases including serious sexual assaults.

Professional Memberships



- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Essex Bar Mess
- Association of Military Court Advocates

Awards, Qualifications & Other

- Grade 3 CPS Counsel
- CPS Rasso Panel

Direct Access

Gareth Hughes is qualified to accept instructions directly from clients and is registered under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme, meaning that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come directly to him. In addition, he welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions directly to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. For more information please visit our Direct Access page [here](#).