Lewis Power QC

Legal 500, 2020 & 2021  Leading Silk

Year of call: 1992
Year of silk: 2010

Lewis is a force of nature. His amiable charm fills the robing room and the court room alike. He works every character in a case, from the co-defendants advocates, to the prosecutor to the judge and, ultimately, the jury, who hang on his every word. His charm underlays a deadly cross examination technique.

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"Ruthlessly intellectual in preparing his cases with precision."
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About

Lewis Power QC is a leading Queens Counsel both domestically and internationally. He is a formidable advocate who has established a reputation as a leading practitioner in complex jury trials and has been described recently in the media as being in the Top Ten List of barristers in the UK. He specialises in complex and heavyweight criminal cases, including cases concerning murder, criminal fraud, money laundering, bribery and corruption, offshore and international, serious sex crimes, terrorism and war crimes. Notably he successfully defended in the London Bombing trials at the Old Bailey in London and was lead Counsel in the private prosecution of the current UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson. He has successfully recently appeared for the defence in a number of high profile murder cases achieving a string of acquittals. Lewis has recently acted as leading Counsel in the internationally renowned Cyprus Teenager Rape case where he was permitted to act by the Attorney-General of Cyprus. Clients consistently comment on Lewis strategic and tactical acumen developed through nearly 30 years of trial advocacy, latterly in international or trans-national cases including Cyprus, India, USA, the Balkans, the United Arab Emirates and in Ireland. Lewis also regularly acts as a guest lecturer and speaker all over the world and regularly appears on National TV and in a variety of documentaries giving his insight into topical legal issues. He is recognised as a leading Queens Counsel by both Chambers UK and the Legal 500 which comment in particular on his renowned strength in cross-examination:

The epitome of a modern silk. He is approachable, naturally charming and engaging, with a work ethic that is second to none. His cross-examination is effortless and even in the most hopeless of cases, he fights tenaciously for the client and leaves no avenue unconsidered. He is referred to as an unrivalled cross-examiner where his style is said to be nothing short of brilliant.

Legal 500 2018: Ranked QC Lewis Power QC  Church Court Chambers A strong trial tactician, he is devilishly effective in front of a jury. Chambers Commentary (UK Bar) 2017 Lewis Power QC of Church Court Chambers Prominent criminal barrister known for his handling of complex international cases relating to regulation, fraud, rape and murder. Sources commend his ability to manage and reassure clients in highly sensitive proceedings. Strengths: The epitome of a modern silk. He is approachable, naturally charming and engaging, with a work ethic that is second to none. His client care skills leave the most apprehensive clients firmly reassured. His cross-examination is effortless and even in the most hopeless of cases, he fights tenaciously for the client and leaves
no avenue unconsidered. Recent work: Appeared in R v Miles Headley, a high-profile attempted murder case linked to gang violence in south London. Lewis Power QC is part of our experienced and highly acclaimed team advising and representing clients at all stages and at every level of the regulatory process, including advice on compliance with regulation and at all stages of investigation and prosecution of regulatory offences, and advice on enforcement and improvement notices in all areas of regulation. Corporate Manslaughter has been at the forefront of regulatory lawyers minds for several years. Lewis Power QC has regularly been involved in the provision of seminars to both professional and lay clients, providing opinion about the law as it was predicted to be enacted, and subsequently into the effect of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act once it came into force. Lewis has regularly defended the full range of Health & Safety offences and has appeared and advised in a number of high profile cases at the Central Criminal Court :R v Yousoff and in Lewes Crown Courts : R v Barnett and R v H ). He has particular experience and expertise relating to construction cases, R v H becoming involved in cases at an early stage and has often provided advice in relation to compliance issues. Lewis has advised and represent those involved in all types of construction accidents including: Construction, Design and Management issues.
  - Falls from height on construction sites.
  - Structural collapse during construction or demolition
  - Asbestos contamination
  - Environmental waste and Landfill sites.
  
  In terms of Health and Safety at work Lewis has successfully defended prosecutions brought by HSE and local authorities relating to all aspects of workplace safety, both as it affects the employers own workforce and as it impacts upon the members of the public served or affected by the employers undertaking, and whether the accused is the business as a whole or an individual employee said to be at fault. Types of accident covered include:
  - Falls through and from fragile roofs and elsewhere from a height in the workplace ( Corporate manslaughter defending company Mead Contractors Ltd re death of Stephen Bonner ).
  - Slips, trips and falls.
  - Workplace transport ( notably an employee fatality Corporate Manslaughter with Eastbourne Buses ).
  - Mechanical failure, especially in manufacturing and factory
  - Retail, with safety representation and advice offered for and against national retailers ( Next fatality Bicester Outlet Village ). Lewis work includes complex cases concerning companies, public authorities and individuals in cases involving fatalities in the workplace. He also does a large amount of inquest work and enforcement notice appeals. He is currently advising in a case concerning environmental issues in respect of the large-scale disposal of controlled waste and land-fill tax schemes. He has considerable experience in representing clients in a range of tribunals especially medical and sports matters ( Osteopathic General Council and UKAD famous Cyclists; boxers ) where he combines his expertise of robust courtroom advocacy and thorough case preparation to secure favourable results. Public Law Lewis is regularly instructed to advise and represent companies, organisations and individuals at inquest His expertise has also recently been sought in one of the largest public enquiries in the UK to date. Offshore & International A former lecturer in International law at Birbeck College University of London, Lewis was appointed Officer to War Crimes Committee of International Bar Association from Jan 2015. Lewis is on the International Bar Associations War Crimes Committee as the Conference Coordinator. He is moderating at the Peace Palace at the Hague in January 2016 at the Conference on Legal Challenges to Modern Warfare chairing the session on Peacekeepers Responsibilities and Liabilities in Conflict Zones. He is regularly instructed in heavyweight criminal proceedings involving fraud and regulatory cases with an international dimension, and for those which are
particularly complex requiring prompt judgement. His specialisms also include murder, conspiracy to murder, attempted murder and rape cases. Recent instructions have also included the two major cases witnessing the new slavery crime being charged, the first of their kind in 200 years. Admitted as Defence lead Counsel to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) Counsel List. The STL is said to constitute in effect the Worlds First International Terrorism Court. Sports Law Lewis acts on a regular basis for high profile sports personalities, specifically in the fields of football, rugby, horse racing and boxing and recently acted for the World Heavyweight Champion, Tyson Fury. Last year due to his high profile International legal work he was honoured with being made an Ambassador to Belfast in Northern Ireland. He acted in the first ever football fixing trial ( R-v Grobbelaar & others ) ; has advised professional jockeys before the Jockey Club and has acted recently in respect of extant Anti-Doping matters before the National Anti-Doping Panel Tribunal.

The Changing Face of International Law Counsel magazine England & Wales February 2015.


Full member of Association of Defence Counsel before ICTY (International Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia)

Northern Irish Bar

Criminal Bar Association

Sussex Bar Mess

International Bar Association

Approved Football Association Lawyer

Member of North American Forum and War Crimes Forums

Cases of note
R v Petraglia (2017)
Southwark Crown Court  Defendant acquitted on all charges in 3 month money laundering trial involving Multi-Million Pound alleged Italian Mafia linked Bureau de Change Fraud and linked tax avoidance case.

R v-C (2017)
Inner London Crown Court  Defendant acquitted on Marital Rape case after submissions on disclosure forced Crown to offer to offer no evidence  ground-breaking case as to disclosure in sex cases.

R v- DC (2017)
Lewes Crown Court  Acquitted in University Rape Case.

R v- Mitchell (2017)
Lewes Crown Court  Acquitted of Murder in Multi-handed murder trial  after successful submission of no case to answer at close of Prosecution case.

R v Cash (2017)
Guildford Crown Court  Defendant acquitted on all charges in Modern Day Slavery Case.

Rv- Sadler (2017)
Cardiff Crown Court  Defendant acquitted on Murder Charges  daughter had killed father in house fire and found not guilty by reason of insanity.

R v D (2016)
Chichester Crown Court : Historical Sex abuse case by carer on children and separate Adult Rape Allegations  acquitted on all charges.

R v Meade ( 2015)
Lewes Crown Court  Paedophile ring familial sex abuse trial- representing vulnerable Defendant.

R v X (2015)
Belfast Crown Court  Paramilitary case  Attempted Murder/Perverting the Course of Justice.

R v Miles Headley
Instructed on high profile case focused on the rivalry between prolific south london gangs. National newspapers ran features on the prevalence of such gangs which are responsible for some of the worst crimes committed in recent years by organised gangs in the capital. Defendant cleared of two attempted murders.

R v Steven Miles
Instructed on the dexter copy-cat murder case where a teenager fascinated with the hit tv show dexter murdered his 17 year old girlfriend in a sadistic fashion. Overview as to applicability of defence of diminished responsibility and brain disorders.

R v Sandland
Instructed in Assassins Creed Baby Murder case. Huge media coverage across national headlines in extraordinary baby shaking case with medical complications for both baby and Defendant, who required 29 medical experts for assessment.

R v Khan [2014]
Conspiracy to murder; hired assassins; defendant acquitted.

R v RH [2014]
Multi-handed murder of homeless man; defendant acquitted of murder.

R v Nichols [2014]
Complex murder trial at the Old Bailey; new defence of loss of control; acquitted of murder.

R v Haskell [2013]
Trial of one of oldest historic rape cases in UK dating back half a century; Defendant acquitted.

R v Vijashinghe [2013]
Multi-handed, 6 defendant, Sri-Lankan Gang related murder trial at Old Bailey; representing only defendant to be acquitted.

R v JC & others [2013] EWCA Crim 368
First judgment of Court of Appeal by Lord Chief Justice on new slavery offences; Lewis Power QC leading 4 Junior counsel.

R v Tommy Connors [2013]
The first ever prosecution of the new offences of Slavery under the Coroners & Justice Act 2009; acquitted all charges at re-trial.

R v Brida Connors [2012-2013]
Representing only female defendant in Irish Traveller slavery case.

R v Denford [2013]
Church of England Vicar with historic sexual abuse allegations within Church.

R v El-Kurd [2013]
Largest money laundering case involving Bureau de Change in UK to date; involving laundering of approximately 200 Million.

R v W & W [2013]
Representing defendant in million pound bank factoring fraud & building construction fraud.

R v Teke [2013]
Attempted murder by youth in racially motivated campaign.

R v Topping [2012]
The Missing Body Murder Case; representing only defendant to be acquitted.

R v Harris [2012]
Sophisticated fraud on law firm by employee.

R v Biliniewicz [2012]
Murder of wife case where defendant advanced morbid delusional jealousy as partial defence re diminished responsibility.

R v Sole [2012]
Baseball bat murder.

R v-M [2012]
National art fraud conspiracy.

R v Shephard & Steele [2011]
Serious Fraud Office (SFO) international prosecution where some 22 Million Euros were dishonestly appropriated by the Defendant.
R v Megan Smith [2011]
Multi-million pound international identity fraud.

R v Wasim Sheikh [2011]
A complex conspiracy to defraud the O2 Telecommunications Network by way of an International Revenue Share Fraud (IRSF).

R v Mike Zur [2011]
Murder one of the first murder cases under the new legislation re partial defence for murder in diminished responsibility cases; defendant was putting forward Alcohol Dependency Syndrome as diminished responsibility defence.

R v Simon Gold [2011]
Murder; manslaughter contrary to the common law and one count of administering a poison or noxious substance so as to endanger life, contrary to section 23 of the OAPA 1867; defendant giving a lethal heroin injection.

R v Lambeth [2011]
Manslaughter; cyclist road rage.

R v Abdelgadir & Others [2008]
London terrorist bombings case where only 1 out of 2 defendants acquitted.

R v M [2007]
Leading Counsel in the Adams Family gangland case Operation Trinity; joint Police and MI5 case quoted as the biggest corruption case to come before the UK Courts; acted as leading counsel and secured acquittal for family Accountant.

R v Cheddi
Acted for the first Defendant in this International Fraud case which involved the infamous Indian Corporate Giant Company Sahara India Pariwar. Secured the acquittal of the Defendant. Highly complex and novel case involving International Corporate Fraud on a huge scale and where the Crown acknowledged that this case involved concepts of International Capacity Building on money laundering and cash smuggling with recent foreign deployments and also and most crucially Alternative Remittance Systems and Informal Value Transfer Systems such as Hawala.