



## Kevin Molloy

Year of call: 1999

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### About

Kevin is one of London's top criminal defence barristers and his practice caters mainly for private clients and those who are publicly funded. Kevin was called to the Bar in 1999 and has been in continual practice in London ever since. He is highly regarded by both the solicitors who instruct him and the barristers who appear with or against him in court. Judges who know him have described him as an assured and highly skilled advocate. He is regularly instructed in the most serious and complex cases both in the Crown Court and in the Court of Appeal. He recently secured an appeal against conviction for a victim of trafficking who was wrongly prosecuted and convicted in the Crown Court. Kevin is a hugely experienced barrister who is regularly leading other counsel in complex trials. Queens Counsel who have led him in complex trials value his tactical awareness, tenacity and attention to detail. As a cross-examiner of experts, professional witnesses such as police officers and co-defendants he is known as a barrister who can undermine the most confident of witnesses and expose weaknesses in evidence others have missed. Due to the reputation he has gained over the years other counsel regularly seek his advice. Kevin is known to have excellent judgement which, combined with a sharp legal brain make him a hugely popular choice with both lay and professional clients. His vast experience and well-earned reputation has meant he has been instructed in high profile cases in courts both inside and outside London. He has successfully defended in the most serious cases including those alleging murder, kidnapping, large scale drugs conspiracies, fraud conspiracies, gun crime, bomb making and sex offences. He was also instructed in the first case of its kind brought to court in relation to coercive and controlling behaviour under s.76 Serious Crime Act 2015. Kevin successfully defended in the first slave case to be tried in England in nearly 200 years. The trial lasted three months and despite the Crown insisting they had a very strong case his client was the only defendant to be acquitted. The case was described by the trial judge as one of the most complex any jury would ever have to deal with. Despite a very heavy work load Kevin plays an active part in the management of his chambers and is an active member of various legal, professional bodies. He sits on the South Eastern Circuit committee and is Chair of his local Bar Mess.

Contributed to SEC committee response to government paper entitled Breaking the Cycle of Offending. Contributed to Circuiteer quarterly magazine.

Committee member South Eastern Circuit

Chair of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Bar Mess

Member of Middle Temple Inn

Chambers representative for Middle Temple Inn

Member of the Northern Ireland Bar

Member of the CBA

## Cases of note

### **R v S (2019)**

*Attempted murder trial at the Old Bailey. Defendant accused with attempting to kill the victim in order to enforce a drugs debt. The victim had been put in a bath and doused from head to toe with petrol before being set alight, suffering 40% burns to his body. The defendant accepted presence but denied being responsible.*

### **R v HHD (2019)**

*Court of Appeal, Kevin won an appeal against conviction in relation to a victim of human trafficking, debt bondage and slavery under s.45 Modern Slavery Act 2015. The case has caused CPS guidance and their 4 stage test to be revisited, with the case being referred to the Senior Presiding Judge due to the issues it raised.*

### **R v W (2019)**

*People smuggling trial in Portsmouth. Kevin represented a female defendant who had been charged with two others with conspiring to smuggle into the UK vulnerable migrants. The defendant was stopped in Portsmouth and in her van the authorities found 8 migrants. The co-defendants who were in a car behind tried desperately to blame the female driver of the van. Following a lengthy trial, the jury acquitted the female van driver and convicted both the male co-defendants.*

### **R v W (2018)**

*Three month fraud conspiracy at Southwark Crown Court. The case involved benefit assessors who agreed to falsify numerous false benefit applications. These benefits paid out over a period of years and were in excess of a million pounds. Kevin led counsel from chambers in this long and complex case.*

### **R v K (2018)**

*Three month murder trial at the Old Bailey successfully defending the Snapchat Queen against an allegation of murder. The defendant was prosecuted as a secondary party who was alleged to have wanted to have a man, who wanted to be her boyfriend murdered. She recorded footage of the victim dying on the street and uploaded it onto Snapchat.*

**R v M (2018)**

*Prosecution alleged defendant had smuggled firearms into a property in Luton. Following two days of legal argument Kevin secured the dismissal of the case.*

**R v G (2017)**

*Unusual and novel gross negligence manslaughter trial which involved experts giving evidence from the USA with regard to a drug called Ibogaine. Following lengthy legal argument at close of the Crowns case the defendant was found not guilty.*

**R v V (2017)**

*The only trial to be conducted with the defendant appearing in court via video-link and not in person in the dock. The trial Judge described the defendant as the most dangerous man currently in prison in the UK.*

**R v U (2015)**

*Secured the acquittal of defendant accused of Murder and familial homicide under s. 5 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 relating to the murder by family members of his sister. The trial lasted 10 weeks and involved the defendants wife trying to blame the defendant. The wife was convicted of the murder.*

**R v V**

*The only trial to be conducted with the defendant appearing in court via video-link and not in person in the dock. The trial Judge described him as the most dangerous man currently in prison in the UK.*

**R v F**

*Represented a client accused of making a bomb and leaving it outside the address of a love-rival.*

**R v M**

*Represented a client who was accused of murdering his own mother in the first case of matricide to be heard in Exeter crown court.*

**R v B**

*Represented a client who was accused of making and leaving a bomb in a hotel.*

**R v B (2015)**

*Represented a defendant at the Old Bailey accused of the double-murder of members of a rival drug gang. The trial lasted 4 months.*

**R v M**

*Secured the acquittal of a retired professional who was accused of serious sexual assaults which dated back 40 years.*

**R v K**

*Successfully defended at the Old Bailey in a case involving a Lithuanian national who was accused of being a member of an organised criminal gang who had allegedly kidnapped a Latvian national in an attempt to extort money from his family.*

**R v U**

*Secured the acquittal of defendant accused of familial homicide relating to the murder by family members of a sister. The trial lasted 10 weeks and involved the defendants wife trying to blame the defendant. The wife was convicted of the murder.*

**R v B (2015)**

*Contract killing trial which lasted 4 weeks and involved six defendants. One co-defendant tried to say Kevins defendant was heavily involved. Following lengthy cross-examination of this co-defendant by Kevin, the jury convicted the co-defendant and acquitted Kevins client.*

**R v G**

*Unusual and novel gross negligence manslaughter trial which involved experts giving evidence from the USA and resulted in an acquittal.*

**R v F**

*Serious s.18 GBH trial involving a victim who was a trainee lawyer. Following a detailed attack on the accuracy of the identification evidence by Kevin, the prosecution conceded their case was no longer one they could put before a jury and a not guilty verdict was entered.*

**R v B**

*Blue Lagoon Murder where the tortured and dismembered body of the victim surfaced in the lagoon a full year after the murder.*

**R v B**

*Largest ever fraud committed against the NHS at the time, with the use of ghost workers over a long period.*

**R v B**

*Defended in multi-handed double-murder at the Old Bailey. The trial ran for nearly three months and attracted much attention in the national press.*

**R v E**

*Secured acquittal in alleged hate crime, the complainant was a transvestite and the allegation was in relation to a s.18 GBH assault.*

**R v C (2013)**

*Notorious slave case, the first of its kind in the UK in 200 years. Mr Molloy led counsel from chambers and secured the only acquittal in the trial. It was described by the trial Judge as one of the most complex cases any jury would ever have to deal with.*

**R v D (2014)**

*Kevin led counsel in first slave case of its kind in Wales and led counsel from chambers. Another acquittal was secured whilst the co-defendant was convicted.*

**R v C**

*Notorious slave case, the first of its kind in 200 years and resulted in sole acquittal.*

**R v D**

*Similar slave case in Cardiff that again resulted in an acquittal.*

**R v S**

*Defended the main defendant whilst leading another barrister in a very large, historic drugs and money laundering conspiracy. The evidence involved the presentation of phone usage spread over a 10 year period and covering several continents. The complexity of the case included the use and understanding of the international money exchange markets.*

**R v F**

*Operation panther involved the prosecution of a large drugs conspiracy based in Essex. The late service of phone evidence required a lengthy and skilled cross-examination of the Crown phone expert which resulted in the case being stopped and adjourned. At the second trial the phone*

*evidence was discredited due to its many flaws, which resulted in the acquittal of both defendants and the awarding of full costs for the first trial against the crown prosecution service.*

**R v N**

*Leading counsel in a conspiracy to murder where Kevin led a member of his chambers in a two month long trial, which included a difficult cut-throat defence. Kevin was one of the few to secure an acquittal.*

**R v D**

*Led a member of chambers in large multi-handed slave case, which lasted three months. Secured the only acquittal out of seven defendants despite representing one of the main defendants.*

**R v D**

*Represented the first named defendant on the indictment whilst leading a member of his own chambers in a forced labour/slave case. Trial lasted 3 weeks and resulted in the only acquittal.*

**R v M**

*Led a member of his own chambers in a complex and difficult historic drugs case.*