

## Curriculum Vitae

### Martin L Sharpe

Called 1989 Middle Temple

University of Manchester BA (Hons) 1984

University of Liverpool MA 1985

Pupil supervisor 1996 to present

Grade 4 Prosecutor on specialist Fraud & Rape & Sexual Offences Panels

Taken direct access clients since 2012

### Expertise

Full range of defence & prosecution work, including serious fraud, mortgage frauds, large scale drug conspiracies and importations, large scale public order offences, multiple-complainant historic rape & sexual offences, serious assaults including murder, armed robbery and mental health-related work.

Expertise in all types of confiscation proceedings under all legislation – including High Court & appellate work.

Wide experience in police disciplinary proceedings including all stages of appellate work. General Medical Council & Nursing & Midwifery Council regulatory work. Also defended in Football Association disciplinary hearings.

### Notable Cases

Set out below is a selection of cases in which Martin Sharpe has been involved, but it should not be regarded as exhaustive.

#### Fraud

##### **R v J [2014]**

Large-scale tobacco fraud.

##### **R v F [2013/14]**

Leading junior in large scale ‘No money down’ buy-to-let mortgage fraud. Case has gone to Court of Appeal on terminating ruling appeal on applicability of s3 Fraud Act “failures to disclose” to mortgage frauds.

##### **R v M [2013]**

Leading junior in multi-million pound counterfeit goods case.

##### **R v W [2011]**

Represented lead defendant in nationally-spread multi-million pound bank takeover fraud.

##### **R v H [2010]**

Scrap metal fraud.

##### **R v F [2009]**

Extensive mortgage fraud & money laundering.

**R v F [2008]**

Multi-million pound counterfeit goods case involving production factories in China's new economic zone.

**R v Goodyear [2005] 3 All E.R. 117, Archbold 5-79b**

Appeared at first instance in Doncaster Council corruption case & then took this case to the Court of Appeal, without a leader. Introduced sentence indication "*Goodyear indications*" in open court.

**Murder, manslaughter & rape****R v C [2014]**

Historic sexual abuse including repeated rapes & buggery of female & male siblings & sister in law.

**R v C [2013]**

Represented lead defendant in gang knife murder of bodybuilder; issues included self defence & toxicology relating to long-term steroid abuse.

**R v M [2010]**

Attempted murder of prostitute; defence of accidental injury during knife-point robbery including calling of two expert witnesses.

**Drugs****R v R [2011]**

Nationwide heroin & crack cocaine conspiracy.

**R v H [2009/10]**

Leading junior in nationwide heroin & crack cocaine conspiracy.

**Unusual/Miscellaneous****R v M – Admin Court [2012] & COA [2014]**

Complicated application for certificate of inadequacy in 10 year old confiscation case. Now due back in the Court of Appeal for a second time in 2014.

**M - Civil Court of Appeal [2011]**

Representing parents fighting appointment of Receiver to enforce sale of their home in enforcement of confiscation order.

**R v Hamed [2006]**

Privately instructed to represent "Prince" Naseem Hamed, the World Champion boxer, on his plea and sentence & for dangerous driving.

***R.(Miller Gardner Solicitors) v Minshull St Crown Court [2002] 67 JCL 370, EWCA 3077, Archbold 15-79***

JR case, which arose from the prosecution of the supposed armourer of the notorious "Gooch Close Gang" in Manchester (the first case in Manchester in which "Special Counsel" was appointed). It concerned access to special procedure material by a firm of solicitors & has become a leading case on legal professional privilege.

## To Note/Other

Considerable experience in multi-media presentation of fraud & other cases.

Highly computer literate.

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