

Paul Dockery

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Paul Dockery has been instructed by HMRC and RCPO on large-scale drugs smuggling and money laundering cases for many years. He is very familiar with the rules of disclosure. He is instructed on a variety of serious crimes of violence and also fraud. He regularly prosecutes 'sensitive' cases i.e. rape and cases with young child victims.

Paul is instructed for the defence in a similar range of cases to those he prosecutes. He has been instructed in some high-profile cases of violence in Manchester in recent years. He continues to defend in commercial fraud cases and has previously also been instructed to defend in MTIC fraud proceedings. He is well aware of the nature of such frauds and the responsibilities concerning output and input tax in a typical carousel fraud. He is familiar with the Bond House Systems Ltd decision of the ECJ and the effect of the subsequent 'reverse charge' introduced by the Government to reduce revenue losses.

Paul is used to the required reading of voluminous unused and sensitive material and associated P.I.I. hearings. In one particular case the trial lasted three months and the P.I.I. hearings three days. In the same connexion he is familiar with Preston briefings with high-ranking Government Officials and solicitors. He is equally familiar with RIPA procedures and confiscation hearings.

Skeleton arguments have become a requisite by the courts now in cases involving any legal arguments that are not simple and straightforward. Paul has prepared the same for Crown Courts, the Divisional Court and Court of Appeal (Criminal Division). He has appeared in all Divisions of High Court and both of Court of Appeal.

Paul is used to cases involving considerable reading and has advised as to the presentation of evidence by way of charts and schedules as well as producing the same for court use. He is IT familiar and has utilised technology as part of his legal and administrative process.

Additionally he is familiar with Tribunal cases both as applicant and respondent and conducts regulatory and disciplinary cases with particular interest in Health and Safety, Environmental and Trading Standards prosecutions, Prison Law and Actions Against the Police.

Education

LL.B (Hons)
