



Giles Newell

Called 2007

Areas of Practice

Crime

Giles joined Chambers as a tenant in October 2007 following completion of his pupillage at Tooks. Giles has developed an impressive Crown Court practice over the last four years, defending in cases covering a wide range of offences including firearms, conspiracy to supply Class A drugs, serious violence, arson, blackmail, perverting the course of justice, aggravated burglary and cash in transit robberies.

Giles has a strong fraud practice, instructed in cases involving sophisticated Ponzi fraud schemes, multi-million pound credit card fraud and high-level benefit fraud.

Giles also specialises in cases involving serious sexual offences, including rape and offences against children. Giles is frequently instructed in courts martial at home and abroad. Giles has a particular interest in representing youths and individuals with mental health issues appearing in the Crown Court.

Notable Cases

Crown Court and Courts Martial

R v Silcott and others [2011] Kingston Crown Court

Giles is currently instructed as junior counsel in a multi-handed case involving an alleged conspiracy to rob cash in transit vehicles. The trial is due to start in September 2011.

R v Burns and Mussa [2011] Kingston Crown Court

Giles was instructed in a two-handed rape trial, successfully arguing that there was no case to answer against his client.

R v Moyo [2010] Colchester Military Court Centre

Giles represented a Zambian national, serving in the British military, charged with multiple counts of rape.

R v Mosthafir [2009], Wood Green Crown Court.

In his first Crown Court sex case, Giles secured the acquittal of a 38-year-old man charged with two counts of sexual assault of a 12-year old girl.

R v Curtin and others [2009], Kingston Crown Court.

In a high profile case, Giles represented a young defendant charged

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with a “smash and grab” robbery of £300,000 worth of jewellery from a leading London hotel.

R v Taylor [2009], Lewes Crown Court.

Giles represented a defendant serving a life sentence for murder, charged with making threats to kill following a visit to an ex-girlfriend's home whilst on day release from prison. Giles secured an impressive acquittal for his client in adverse circumstances.

R v Gnanakaran [2008], Southwark Crown Court.

Giles represented a Sri Lankan national charged with conspiracy to steal in a large-scale credit card fraud operation involving petrol stations throughout the South-East of England.

R v Patel [2008], Croydon Crown Court.

Giles acted as junior counsel in this high profile multi million pound credit card fraud trial, representing the computer mastermind behind the largest counterfeit credit card factory uncovered in the UK to date. <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/crime/article5034185.ece>

R v Casey and Davies [2008], Croydon Crown Court.

Giles represented two young women acting as “mules” in a case of large-scale cocaine importation from Brazil.

Appeal work

R v Blackshaw and others [2011] EWCA Crim 2312

Giles represented Lorri Anne McGrane, one of the appellants in the leading sentencing authority for offences committed during the civil disorder in August.

R v Askew (Martin) [2010] EWCA Crim 2102

Giles represented the second and third appellants in an appeal against sentence in one of the high-profile Gaza protest cases. Giles successfully argued for a reduction in sentence for the third appellant.

R v Mouad Amri [2008] EWCA Crim 1350.

Giles successfully appealed against the imposition of a sentence of Imprisonment for Public Protection in a case of robbery and possession of an imitation firearm.

R v McLeod [2008] EWCA Crim 2980

Giles successfully argued that a custodial sentence of 18 months was manifestly excessive in a case of burglary and aggravated vehicle taking.

R v Manilal [2008], Court of Appeal, Criminal Division.

Giles successfully appealed against the length of an extended sentence in a case where the appellant had pleaded guilty to assaulting his 3- and 6-year-old sons.

Speaking Events and Training, Seminars

Giles has presented a talk on assisting foreign nationals in the criminal justice system.

Articles

Giles wrote an article on the Courts' response to the nation-wide civil disorder in August for the October edition of Law & Finance magazine

Membership and Societies

Giles is a member of the Criminal Bar Association, Liberty, Amnesty International, Reprieve and The Howard League for Penal Reform.

Other Relevant Information

Giles previously worked at the Refugee Legal Centre, representing asylum seekers in substantive appeals before the Immigration Appeal Tribunal. Giles is committed to pro bono work and has worked as a volunteer at Liberty, The Refugee Council and various legal advice centres in London.

Giles was a founding member of Shelter Project, assisting in the development of field guidelines for the humanitarian community to support temporary shelter and settlement for forced migrants.