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Qualifications

MA Modern History Oxford 1975

Areas of Practice

Patrick Roche has an established practice which covers leading work across the range of criminal, public law and human rights work.

Chambers & Partners Directory has described him as *“an effective opponent who comes into his own before a jury”* and who *“always gives 100%”*.

Patrick has recently been elected as the Joint Head of Tooks Chambers.

Crime

Patrick’s practice covers a wide range of leading and heavy criminal work. Recent successes include R v. Otis Matthews 2006 EWCA Crim. 2759 in which he successfully quashed a conviction for murder on the basis that the previous legal team had wrongly advised the appellant on the waiver of privilege. The case establishes the important principle that waiver of privilege at the police station does not waive privilege more widely (see Patrick’s article in Archbold News for April 2008). In the case of Woods (2005) EWCA Crim. 3211, Patrick successfully quashed another murder conviction due to the absence of disclosure.

Recent significant cases include:

R v Chana (Kingston CC) (May/June 2009) – Largest ever importation of heroin into U.K.

R v Atehortua (Central Criminal Court) (January - March 2009) – Murder.

R v Patel (Croydon CC) (2008) - £2 million conspiracy to defraud banks.

R v Harris (Manchester CC) (2007-8) – Conspiracy to Kidnap.

R v. Otis Matthews (Chester CC + Liverpool CC) (June / September 2007) – Two re-trials in murder case.

R v. Woods (Manchester CC) (2006) – Murder.

R v. Gordon (Manchester CC) (2005) - Conspiracy to Murder.

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R v. Tony Blair (Stafford CC) (2004) – Murder.

R v. Lattlay-Fottfoy(Preston CC) (2004-5) – Kidnap; (Woolwich CC) (2003) – Drug importation. Mr Lattlay-Fottfoy was the subject of the film and TV program “A Very British Gangster”.

R v. S (Central Criminal Court) (2003) – Tamil murder case.

Police Actions

Patrick Roche is rated as a Leader in the field of police actions by Chambers & Partners.

Prominent cases include:

M v MPC 2007 EWCA Civ 1361. Court of Appeal case on assumption of responsibility.

S v. South Yorkshire Police. Award of £180,000 arising out of the Miners Strike.

X + Y v. Greater Manchester Police. Award of £120,000 for breach of confidence.

Award of £80,000 v Metropolitan Police arising out of Operation Jackpot.

Ongoing cases include judicial review of the IPCC.

Public Law

Patrick has extensive experience in the field of Public and Human Rights law. He represented Mohamed Al Fayed for eight years in relation to the Inquest into the deaths of Diana, Princess of Wales and Dodi Al Fayed. He drafted the successful application for judicial review of the Coroner’s refusal to hold an inquest: R (aoa. Paul) v. Assistant Deputy Coroner of Inner West London [2007] EWHC 2721 (Admin).

He has considerable experience in actions against the Home Office arising out of assaults/negligence by the Prison Service.

He has extensive experience of inquests including inquests into the deaths of Emma Humphreys and Josie O’Dwyer. He has successfully appeared before the Information Tribunal for Mohamed Al Fayed. Other high profile clients include Terry Venables.

Background

Patrick has sat as a Recorder since 2005.

Patrick is a member of the Criminal Bar Association; the Inquest Lawyers Group; the Criminal Appeal Lawyers Association; and Liberty.