



Stephen Kamlish QC

Called 1979 (QC 2003)

Areas of Practice

Criminal Defence, Public & Judicial Inquiries, Actions against the Police, Sport, Extradition.

Notable Cases

“ ... has an almost inhuman ability to spot issues in a case and is devastating in cross examination” Chambers UK

Stephen Kamlish has been instructed in serious and high profile cases throughout his career. His first leading brief was in 1985, when he was six years call, in the case of R v Maher, Central Criminal Court (attempted murder of a police officer). Since then he has had a leading practice for the defence in the Central Criminal Court and elsewhere and on Appeal in the House of Lords, Privy Council and the Court of Appeal. The following is a resume of his areas of practice and some of his more noteworthy cases.

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- * R v Silcott, Braithwaite and others, 1986, Central Criminal Court (the murder of PC Blakelock and Broadwater Farm 'riots' and two subsequent appeals).
- * Counsel for Flying Squad and Operation Trident number one targets including Charlie Knight, Tony Ward, George Ellis, Edwin Appiah and Mark Lambie.
- * R v Donna Clarke and two others, 1999, Bristol Crown Court (three murders/arson with intent. First convictions quashed on appeal, proceedings at retrial then stayed as an abuse of process).
- * R v Kayretli, 1998 Chelmsford Crown Court (Essex 'kebab shop' murder, corpse stored in meat fridge whilst kebab shop continued to trade. Conviction quashed on appeal.)
- * A number of Prevention of Terrorism Act and Terrorism Act cases, representing alleged IRA members on charges including conspiracy to murder and cause explosions. In particular, R v Gannon and seven others, 1997, Central Criminal Court (alleged IRA plot to disable the entire electricity supply to Greater London by bombing a number of electricity sub stations).

* R v Stone, 1988, Chelmsford Crown Court (Operation Lager. At the time, the largest ever UK drugs operation, involving 53 defendants and 80-100 tones of cannabis in 41 separate importations. Stone was the alleged principal defendant who Stephen Kamlish represented both in Holland during extradition proceedings and in the UK on final disposal).

* R v Lady Dawn Kennedy, 1992, Central Criminal Court. (Defendant had accused four men of rape. Following police investigation, which concluded that no rape had occurred, she was charged on four counts of perverting the course of public justice. She was acquitted on all counts.)

* First junior counsel to the Lawrence family in the private prosecution of the alleged killers of Stephen Lawrence. Then counsel to the family at the MacPherson Inquiry.

* Counsel to Harold Shipman following his conviction for murdering 15 of his patients, in 2000 at Preston Crown Court. Advising on appeal.

* R v Martin, Gregory and others, 2005, Leicester Crown Court (the new year's drive-by shootings in Birmingham, two murders, three attempted murders).

* Palestinian Families in Gaza v General Doron Almog – Bow Street Magistrates 2005 (First successful application for an international arrest warrant under Geneva Conventions Act 1957 for war crimes in Gaza).

* R v Ibrahim and 5 others, 2006/7, Woolwich Crown Court (the alleged 21/7 London bombers). Stephen's client was the only one of the five alleged bombers not to have been convicted.

* R v Nasri and 3 others, 2008, Central Criminal Court (the contract killing of Metropolitan Police Special Constable Nisha Patel-Nasri). Stephen's client was the only one to be acquitted.

* R v Dr Mohammed Asha and Dr Bilal Abdullah, 2008, Woolwich Crown Court (the London and Glasgow Airport bombing conspiracy of June 2007). Stephen's client Dr Asha was acquitted. He now represents him before the Special Immigration Appeals Commission where he is appealing against the Home Secretary's deportation order.

Languages

French, Italian