



Practice

Michael Turner has been described by his peers "as a barrister who can secure a result no others could". He has a reputation for extreme hard work, extraordinary commitment to a case and for his inventiveness and tenacity. He is a hugely experienced trial and appellate advocate. In addition to pursuing his own 1st instance cases to appeal he is sought after on referrals from the Criminal Cases Review Commission. He has specialised in complex and difficult criminal cases throughout his career as a barrister ranging from multi-million pound fraud to multiple murder. His ability to master intricate and diffuse scientific expertise has been amply demonstrated in his success in a number of recent cases of alleged "baby shaking". He has appeared in the English and Northern Irish Court of Appeal in some of their biggest cases both as a silk and a junior. He has been brought into in civil cases where difficult and robust cross-examination has been required.

Background

Michael was brought up in the law centre movement working at both North Kensington Law centre and Harlesden Advice centre before coming to the Bar. Those early experiences of assisting both individuals and communities to secure the justice denied them fuelled a passion in Michael to fight against injustice in what ever form and he has always sought Chambers with a similar ethos. Michael was a tenant at both Cloisters (the chambers of John Platts-Mills QC, David Turner-Samuels QC and Laura Cox QC), and 14 Took's Court (the chambers of Michael Mansfield QC), before joining Garden Court Chambers in July 2003.

Other activities

Michael was a keen and successful sportsman in his youth playing both rugby, tennis and squash at county level. In later years he coached both rugby and tennis only recently hanging up his boots as a rugby coach. He is an avid Arsenal supporter and passionate family man with three successful children. Michael is a founder member and co-ordinator of the Edward Quist-Arcton Trust, which provides an annual scholarship for black South African lawyers.

Notable cases

1st Instance

R v Miah (CCC alleged baby shaking murder)
R v Shripka (CCC alleged baby shaking murder)
R v Lindo (Bristol CC multiple murder and attempted murder)
R v Joof (Leicester CC (Alleged gang associated murder)
R v Jovetic (CCC Pink Panther Diamond robbery and attempted murder)
R v Labastide (CCC Alleged gang associated murder)
R v Richmond (CCC Alleged gang associated murder)
R v Santharatnam (CCC Alleged gang associated murder)
R v Esprit (CCC Alleged gang associated murder)
R v- Vujovic (CCC Murder and kidnap)
R v Nosakere Stephenson (Birmingham CC

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1981

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French (reasonable).

Practice Areas:

Michael Turner QC is a member of the following Practice Areas:

- Courts Martial
- Crime

Garden Court Chambers

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R v Akbar CCC (murder)
R v Sivanesam CCC (murder)
R v Yiannakas (VAT fraud and confiscation)

Court of Appeal

R v Fulton (appeal from Northern Irelands longest running murder trial involving multiple terrorist offences)
R v Jeremy Bamber (appeal against wrongful conviction on multiple murder)
R v Hagans (West Midlands Serious Crime Squad)
R v Wilson (West Midlands Serious Crime Squad)
R v Browning (M 50 Murder)
R v Hickery and others (murder of Carl Bridgewater)
R v Twitchell (murder confession arising from torture by the West Midlands serious crime squad)
R v Hoshan and others (the Iraqi Hijack case)
R v Brown (West Midlands Serious Crime Squad)
R v Stephenson (murder and attempted murder appeal on fresh evidence grounds)

Divisional Court

Connolly v Dale [1996] 1 Cr App R 200DC (only known case of a police officer being found to be in contempt for seeking to prevent a solicitor from interviewing witnesses prior to the police conduct of an identification parade)

Privy Counsel

R v Marvin Murphy Case No. 40701 (Appeal from Bahamas, instructed as leading counsel)

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