



# Bill Evans

YEAR OF CALL: 1988



Bill Evans is a criminal specialist who defends in back-to-back serious cases often as leading counsel. Bill is a tactically astute and forceful advocate. He has a reputation for excellent client care and a hands-on approach to case preparation.

"An extremely dedicated barrister who presents himself with absolute finesse."

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"An extremely skilled advocate. He is respected by his peers and my clients are always impressed by his compassion and his combative approach to their case."

NORA TALBI, ASSOCIATE SOLICITOR, EBR ATTRIDGE LLP SOLICITORS

"Bill has great integrity coupled with an easy manner, and is an

impressive advocate. He works hard for his clients. He is our 'go to' counsel for serious criminal cases."

YAQUB HUSSAIN, PARTNER, LP EVANS SOLICITORS

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## CRIMINAL DEFENCE

Bill's practice includes all serious crime with a particular emphasis on drugs conspiracies, serious violence and fraud. He has defended in multi defendant murders, and acted as leading counsel in numerous substantial drug and fraud cases.

He has defended members of leading Traveller families for a variety of offences including prosecutions under the Modern Slavery Act.

### NOTABLE CASES

#### Murder

**R v C (Central Criminal Court)** 14 year old charged with murder of 18 year old

**R v L (Winchester Crown Court)** 28 year old acquitted of body in the boot murder in Bournemouth

**R v M (Central Criminal Court)** Perverting the course of justice in a murder investigation

**R v N (Central Criminal Court)** Murder of schoolgirl Arsema Dawit

**R v C (Central Criminal Court)** Revenge shooting in a block of flats in Peckham

**R v M (Central Criminal Court)** Defendant acquitted of multi defendant murder

**R v Y (Central Criminal Court and Court of Appeal)** Reported at [2008] EWCA Crim 10. Admission of hearsay statements in a murder trial

**R v E (Central Criminal Court)** Pregnant woman charged with murder of husband and father of her 5 children

**R v N (Woolwich Crown Court)** Double murder including murder of PC Patrick Dunne

## **Drugs**

**R v A (Liverpool Crown Court)** Operation Starlight major drugs conspiracy

**R v S (Birmingham Crown Court)** Importation of cocaine through Heathrow and firearms

**R v R (Leeds Crown Court)** Importation of £15m of MDMA into UK via Amsterdam

**R v S (Woolwich Crown Court)** Supply of drugs and money laundering

**R v S (Woolwich Crown Court)** Columbian cocaine importation - supergrass case, defendant acquitted

**R v H (Woolwich Crown Court)** Heroin importation - supergrass case, defendant acquitted

**R v P (Snaresbrook Crown Court)** Importation of half a tonne of cocaine on a yacht from the Caribbean

**R v T (Woolwich Crown Court)** Supply class A drugs - supergrass case

## **Other**

**R v O (Bristol CC)** Organised grooming and sex abuse - defendant acquitted by jury

**R v D (Nottingham Crown Court)** Leading counsel in grooming and sex abuse case - judge ruled no case to answer at the end of the prosecution case

**R v B (Croydon Crown Court)** Leading counsel in kidnap and blackmail - case thrown out at end of prosecution case after submission of no case to answer

**R v A (Inner London Crown Court)** Defendant acquitted of kidnap and blackmail after two-month trial

**R v P (Snaresbrook Crown Court)** Importation of half a tonne of cocaine on a yacht from the Caribbean

**R v T (2001 Woolwich Crown Court)** Supply class A drugs - supergrass case

**R v A (Woolwich Crown Court)** Conspiracy to pervert the course of justice with a corrupt customs officer

**R v F (Southwark Crown Court)** Supply of drugs involving corrupt police officers

## FINANCIAL CRIME AND CONFISCATION

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As a result of Bill's work in serious fraud stretching back over 15 years, he is adept at managing large volumes of prosecution evidence and quickly understanding the key issues in a case.

### NOTABLE CASES

#### Fraud

**R v H (Southwark Crown Court)** Defendant acquitted by jury of international film equipment fraud

**R v D (Reading Crown Court)** Leading counsel for company director charged with fraud following investigation by BIS and police

**R v P (Blackfriars Crown Court)** Leading counsel for first defendant in a large VAT invoicing fraud

**R v K (Maidstone Crown Court)** Irish lorry driver acquitted of massive duty diversion fraud

**R v M (Canterbury Crown Court)** Massive insurance and tax fraud

**R v H (Southwark Crown Court)** Importation of £3m worth of fake trainers from China

**R v O (Southwark Crown Court)** Fraud on the Olympic Delivery Authority

**Operation Tangelo (Southwark Crown Court)** Successfully defended director of UMBS - the "MTIC fraudsters bank"

**Operations Mentum and Ghasht (Southwark Crown Court)** Large-scale duty frauds - successful abuse of process arguments

**R v G (Operation Venison) (Southwark Crown Court)** Massive duty fraud - successful abuse of process arguments

### BACKGROUND

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Since qualifying in 1988 Bill has divided his time between practising from chambers and as an in house advocate at two London solicitors firms, where he was a partner. He consequently has a complete understanding of the pressures faced by criminal solicitors and the service and assistance they require from

counsel they instruct.

## EDUCATION

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- LLB University of Liverpool
- 1988 Called to the Bar
- 1994 Qualified as a Solicitor

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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- Middle Temple
- Criminal Bar Association

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