



Red Lion Chambers
Chambers of Max Hill QC

Gillian Jones

Call: 1996



Gillian is a leading junior with a high profile serious crime practice who is regularly instructed alongside Queens Counsel. She maintains a leading defence and prosecution practice with a particular specialisation in serious and complex fraud, money laundering, proceeds of crime, organised crime, homicide and serious sexual offences, in which she has considerable experience and a proven track record. She also provides quality advice in these areas and currently acts as legal advisor to a large international energy company on anti-corruption and regulatory issues.

Gillian's meticulous preparation, mastery of her material and easy manner make her a sought after advocate for both professional and lay clients. Acknowledged in the Legal 500 for her excellent advocacy skills, 'she stands her ground and holds her own', able to quickly gain client trust. Highly organised and efficient, Gillian commonly deals with voluminous cases and is adept at the electronic presentation of evidence. She is a versatile and modern advocate.

Crime

Gillian has over the years developed extensive experience in defending in multi-handed organised crime cases and in cases of murder and manslaughter, particularly those involving complex medical and scientific evidence.

An all-round strong advocate, Gillian is well known for forming good relationships with clients. Chambers & Partners quoted legal sources as commenting that "she gets on well with people, and carries cases." ...a "highly regarded and experienced leading junior."

Fraud and Corporate Crime

Gillian boasts a wealth of experience in the defence and prosecution of serious and complex fraud having acted in a number of high value high profile cases. Her case portfolio includes first prosecutions internationally for manipulation of LIBOR, FCA flagship insider dealings, FSMA

offences, frauds involving bogus shares and carbon credits, tax/VAT/MTIC, counterfeit medicines, boiler room, commercial property fraud, money laundering and corruption. Gillian also acts as independent disclosure counsel and advises City law firms on money laundering and compliance procedures. Given the nature of Gillian's practice, many of her cases require specialist knowledge of restraint and confiscation, the obtaining of material from foreign jurisdictions, the use of forensic accountants and the understanding and analysis of complex bank movements and off-shore transactions. She is thoroughly conversant with this rapidly changing area of the law. Her knowledge combined with her experience, keen mind and her ability to work well both leading and being part of a team, make for a strong advocate. R v R & Others [2015 - 2016] International large scale serious and complex fraud involving the rigging of the London Interbank Offer Rate ("LIBOR"). Gillian was instructed as First Junior Counsel by the SFO. This was the second prosecution brought by the SFO into the manipulation of LIBOR, involving interdealer brokers from ICAP (the largest brokerage company in the world), RP Martin and Tullett Prebon. The case attracted international media interest.

<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2015/nov/17/icap-broker-darrell-read-libor-trial-ability-influence-rate-banks>

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/libor-fixing-trial-tom-hayes-terry-farr-james-gilmour-plead-not-guilty-sfo-charges-1429369>

Libor Fixing trial, Hayes, Farr and Gilmour plead not guilty to SFO charges

<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2014/dec/05/three-ex-icap-brokers-plead-not-guilty-libor-rigging-charges>

Three ex-Icap brokers plead not guilty to Libor rigging charges

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/12/05/us-britain-libor-courts-idUSKCN0JJ0VJ20141205>

Former ICAP trio plead not guilty to Libor fraud charges

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/former-icap-brokers-plead-not-guilty-libor-manipulation-southwark-crown-court-1478186>

Former ICAP brokers plead not guilty to Libor manipulation at Southwark Crown Court

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/libor-scandal/10335026/How-ICAPs-libor-service-worked.html>

How ICAP's 'libor service' worked: champagne, fine dining and thousands of pounds were on offer to those involved in attempts to manipulate Libor.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-04-07/ex-tullett-broker-says-he-never-acted-on-libor-rigging-messages.html>

Ex-Tullett Broker says he never acted on libor rigging messages.

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/libor-fixing-former-tullett-prebon-broker-noel-cryan-court-1474237>

Libor fixing: Former Tullett Prebon broker Noel Cryan in court

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/f759d368-5ec9-11e4-be0b-00144feabdc0.html#axzz3MX88X51k>

R v Hayes [2015] Junior Prosecution Counsel in first LIBOR rigging case ever prosecuted.

Reported by the press as the biggest financial conspiracy in history, the case attracted extensive international media interest. The investigation involved a number of banks, including UBS, Deutsche Bank, JPMC and Barclays. It was an international investigation was linked to the FBI and the Department of Justice prosecutions in America. In the trial before Mr. Justice Cooke, Gillian was praised for her presentation of complex evidence. This case was subject to an interlocutory appeal and appeal against conviction. The conviction appeal presided over by Lord Chief Justice and President of the Queens Bench Division was successfully upheld.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-33635340>

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-09-14/was-tom-hayes-running-the-biggest-financial-conspiracy-in-history->

<http://graphics.wsj.com/libor-network/#item=Hayes>

Libor: The Spider Network

Tom Hayes pleads not guilty to Libor manipulation charges - FT.com

www.ft.com/cms/s/0/85b20a60-670c-11e3-a5f9-00144feabdc0.html

Ex-UBS Trader Hayes Pleads Not Guilty Over Libor Rigging ...

www.bloomberg.com/.../ex-ubs-trader-hayes-pleads-not-guilty-in-first-li

Libor Scandal Spotlight Falls on 'Rain Man' - WSJ.com

online.wsj.com/.../SB1000142412788732444590457828581070610744

Ex-trader Hayes allegedly conspired with 22 others, UK court hears ...

uk.reuters.com/article/.../uk-britain-libor-trial-idUKBRE99K0PF201310

Three arrested in SFO Libor-rigging investigation - Telegraph

www.telegraph.co.uk › Finance

R v Gilbert & Ors [2015-2016] Instructed as Leading Prosecution counsel in a 13-handed international conspiracy to sell unlicensed and counterfeit medicines over the internet and launder the money. The value of the fraud was approximately £10m. This case involved evidence obtained from multiple jurisdictions, complex regulatory medicines framework, expert evidence and a huge financial tracing exercise involving in excess of 100 different banks accounts, both in the UK and abroad. The defendant's appeal against the sentence was dismissed.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2828902/Member-gang-raked-11million-selling-fake-Via-gra-world-bogus-mail-order-fishing-tackle-business-faces-jail.html>

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/counterfeit-viagra-conman-seth-pennington-pleads-guilty-11m-fraud-1474112>

Counterfeit Viagra Conman Seth Pennington Pleads Guilty to £11m fraud

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15095056>

90000 Fake Viagra found, The Argus 30/9/2011

www.medical-specialist.co.uk 90,000 illegal counterfeit Viagra found 6/10/2011

R v MacDonald & Downes [2014] Defence counsel for first defendant in a large scale (£20m+) Boiler Room fraud, conspiracy to defraud and money laundering. Investors were 'cold called' by salesmen purporting to work for financial brokers and then persuaded to buy shares in US 'penny share' companies and/or Carbon Credits. The money was sent by investors to Escrow accounts in America and Canada before being moved off shore to countries such as Switzerland and Panama. The operation was said to be run by an international crime organisation. Gillian acted for the alleged banker to the organisation.

<https://www.facebook.com/unrealitytv/posts/10151528519787477>

Fraud Squad: This one-off documentary follows detectives as they hunt down some of the country's most wanted criminals.

Cuffed and hauled from plane: the £18m fraud mastermind - Crime ...

www.standard.co.uk/.../cuffed-and-hauled-from-plane-the-18m-fraud-m...

Fraud Squad Episode 1 | presscentre -

ITV.com

www.itv.com/presscentre/ep1week32/fraud-squad

Costa del Crime - where no one notices if you wear two Rolexes ...

www.dailymail.co.uk/.../Costa-del-Crime--notices-wear-Rolexes-Christop

<https://www.cityoflondon.police.uk/advice-and-support/fraud-and-economic-crime/nfib/nfib-news/Pages/first-carbon-credit-fraud-.aspx>

City of London Police secure first carbon credit fraud prison sentences

<http://citywire.co.uk/new-model-adviser/news/two-charged-with-fraud-in-boiler-room-case/a531467>

R v Mustafa & Ors [2014 -2015] First junior in the FCA's flagship prosecution of an insider dealing ring - 'insiders', 'traders' and 'broker' that attracted considerable press interest. Trading defendants bought documents re potential takeovers and mergers from insiders in two international investment banks, JPMC & UBS. Information was disseminated to the insider dealing ring using email drop boxes that were registered off shore. Bets were placed before the market knew of any potential acquisition of the company whilst shares in stock were cheaper. Once the market knew of the acquisition, the share price increased rapidly and the defendants made large profits.

<http://www.fca.org.uk/news/insider-dealers-ordered-to-pay-32m-in-confiscation>

Insider dealers ordered to pay £3.2m in confiscation

<http://www.corporatefinancialweeklydigest.com/2014/09/articles/uk-developments/insider-dealers-ordered-to-pay-confiscation-orders-in-excess-of-the-profits-generated-from-insider-dealing/>

Insider dealers ordered to pay confiscation orders in excess of the profits generated from insider dealing

BBC News -

Six convicted of insider dealing by FSA

www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-18958613

Six jailed in UK for insider trading - FT.com

www.ft.com/companies/financials

Six sentenced for insider trading | Business | The Guardian

www.theguardian.com ›

Bank printing staff accused of making £1m from insider trading ...

www.telegraph.co.uk

Drugs & Organised Crime

R v De'Oliveira & Ors [ongoing] Defence Counsel in Operation Samba which involved the infiltration and covert surveillance of two major organised crime groups involved in the receipt, repressing and onward sale of high quality cocaine. It was some of the highest purity cocaine ever seized in the UK at 97%, along with MDMA, amphetamine and cannabis. Gillian represented De'Oliveira, a key player in the conspiracy, who was said to have collected large quantities of cocaine, repressed and repackaged it using specialist equipment not previously seen by police.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-35261673>

<http://www.oxfordshireguardian.co.uk/didcot-drug-lord-jailed-for-17-years-following-1-3m-drug-conspiracy/>

R v Edwards & Ors

Gillian was Leading defence counsel for the first of 7 defendants in this international drug gang trial. Other defendants were represented by QCs. Gillian's client was said to be the mastermind behind the criminal gang that had set up a sophisticated covert distribution network to facilitate the importation of huge quantities of cocaine into the UK in consignments of fruit from Costa

Rica using corrupt dockworkers. 26kg of cocaine was seized, although two earlier runs identified. Street value £10m.

http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/law-and-order/driver_caught_with_3m_of_pure_cocaine_on_portsmouth_street_1_3031743

Murder & Manslaughter

R v Bromley [2014-2015] Junior defence counsel in tragic manslaughter cold case review involving the death of Lee Balkwell who was found crushed to death in a cement mixer in 2002. Initially investigated and said to be a work place accident in response to the outcome of the investigation, the father of the deceased ran a large scale media campaign alleging murder. The inquest was consequently reopened resulting in a finding of death by unlawful killing. The case was then referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) who found numerous failings. The investigation was once again re-opened. The defendant was charged with gross negligence manslaughter 12 years after the event, however after extensive abuse of process argument, the defendant was acquitted of manslaughter and instead convicted of Health and Safety offences.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-29601945>

Lee Balkwell concrete mixer death: Simon Bromley cleared of manslaughter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGGts9NvxLE>

Simon Bromley cleared of manslaughter by gross negligence of Lee Balkwell

Breaking: Simon Bromley charged with manslaughter of Lee Balkwell who was crushed in cement mixer un Upminster farm

http://www.cps.gov.uk/eastern/cps_eastern_news/simon_bromley/

CPS East of England advises charges over death of Lee Balkwell

<http://jillhavern.forumotion.net/t8597-lee-balkwell-death-simon-bromley-charged-with-manslaughter>

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/25/manslaughter-cement-mixer-death-simon-bromley-upminster-lee-balkwell>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2513675/Man-charged-manslaughter-11-years-workers-body-trapped-drum-cement-mixer.html>

<http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/topic/lee-balkwell/>

Post-mortem carried out on exhumed body

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2009/dec/13/concrete-mixer-death-lee-balkwell>

Top detective to re-examine Essex concrete-mixer death of Lee Balkwell

R v Islam & Ors [2014] Junior defence counsel in a said motiveless joint enterprise murder.

Dubbed by the press as the 'Basement Murder' case. The body of the deceased was found in the cellar of an Asian Supermarket where the defendant worked as the butcher. The case involved extensive CCTV reconstruction of the movements of the deceased and the defendants, along with hotly disputed expert evidence including blood spatter and DNA evidence.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-27485657>

Harjit Chaggar death: Mohammed Islam 'not a violent man'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-26981701>

Murderers Mohammed Islam and Murshed Miah jailed for life

www.kentononline.co.uk/medway/news/chaggar-murder-sentences-17459

Chatham murder - 3 charged - ITV News - ITV.com

www.itv.com/news/meridian/story/2013.../chatham-murder-3-charged

BBC News - Harjit Chaggar death: CCTV cars identified

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-24737012
Chatham murder inquiry latest after woman's ... - Kent Online
www.kentonline.co.uk/.../police-launch-murder-investigation-in-6014/

Serious Sexual Offences

Adept at the handling of vulnerable and young witnesses, Gillian has developed a specialism in the field of serious sexual and associated offences. Gillian has a wealth of experience in this specialised area of advocacy involving the cross-examination of the very young and vulnerable, as well as those who have learning disabilities, or who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders or Aspergers Syndrome.

Supplementing her vast experience in this area is her role as Course Director for the 'Vulnerable Witness Advocacy Training Course'. This course was presented to the Lord Chancellor in December 2015 (developed on behalf of the Advocacy Training Council led by HHJ Rook QC) and will be rolled out nationally to fulfil the Ministry of Justice' requirements in the training of advocates to undertake work involving the vulnerable. Gillian is also a chapter contributor to Rook & Ward: 'Sexual Offences, Law & Practice', Sweet & Maxwell.

R v D [2016 - ongoing] Defence counsel in multi handed trial alleging historical systematic serious sexual abuse (rape and indecent assaults) of young girls in care by Asian men, through incremental grooming steps including alcohol and drugs. Complex legal arguments were put forward in respect of previous convictions, contamination and credibility.

[reporting restrictions until end of trial]

R v C [2014] Defence counsel for C, a known member of a Kurdish Mafia gang, alleged to have conducted a reign of terror over his wife and her family, including marital rape, threats with firearms and various offences of assault and harassment with fear of violence. Trial involved calling evidence via live link from Turkey. The defendant was acquitted on all counts.

London Street Gangs Blog: North East London's Turkish / Kurdish ...

londonstreetgangs.blogspot.com/.../north-east-londons-turkish-kurdish-...&lr=;

Those found guilty or brought to trial included Rifat Dincer, Erdal Ozmen, Irfan Comooglu, Engin Gundiz, Etem Gezen, Mehmet Aziz Karatas,

Organised Crime | Total Crime

totalcrime.co.uk/category/organised-crime/

R v B [2014] Gillian was instructed as defence counsel in this sensitive case involving allegations of rape and serious sexual assault by a step brother against his two step sisters. The complaints were made five years after the alleged conduct. The youngest complainant was five at the time of the alleged offences and ten at trial. She suffered from severe learning disabilities; cross-examination was conducted via an intermediary. The second complainant was twelve at the time of trial. She gave evidence in the court room. The defendant was acquitted on all counts.

<http://www.getreading.co.uk/news/local-news/man-cleared-rape-sex-assault-6280090>

Man cleared of rape and sex assault charges against two young girls

R v W (2013) Gillian defended W, a man in his 60s and of good character accused of historical allegations of rape and serious sexual assaults on step daughter and her cousin dating back to 1970s and 80s. The defendant was acquitted on all counts.

R v P [2013] Gillian was defence junior in this highly unusual and extremely sensitive case involving the prosecution of a foster carer of 30 yrs, alleged to have assaulted 12-month-old baby in her care, resulting in fractures of arms and legs. The case generated government interest at ministerial level. Gillian's client was also alleged to have drugged the child in order to

avoid injuries being detected. Five experts were instructed and extensive sensitive unused material relating to the child's history and that of its' birth parents were reviewed at the Child Services Office. In respect of the indictment and bad character legal arguments were drafted. The defendant was acquitted after trial.

R v Thorne & others Gillian was lead defence counsel for the first defendant in this trial involving grave allegations of misconduct in public office. She represented the Prison Governor of a female prison (HMP Downview). Other defendants, who were prison officers were represented by QCs. Gillian's client was alleged to have had sexual relationships with 5 female inmates over a 3-year period. The case involved extensive disclosure issues and legal arguments involving the bad character and previous sexual history of complainants. Many of the inmates were vulnerable. The case attracted extensive press coverage and was dubbed the 'sex for favours' case.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-14172684>

Professional Disciplinary & Regulatory

Gillian has developed a specialism in Financial Services Regulation. She was instructed as first junior in the Financial Conduct Authority's ("FCA") flagship prosecution of an insider dealing ring, which attracted considerable press interest. Building on her FCA work, Gillian was instructed by the SFO in the first prosecution internationally for rigging LIBOR. Over the years she had developed a breadth of experience in both defending and prosecuting cases involving Tax/VAT evasion, as well as appearing on behalf of the respondent before the First Tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber).

As part of her advisory work, Gillian advises city law firms in respect of corporate compliance and governance issues. She currently acts as legal advisor to a large international energy company on anti-corruption and regulatory issues.

Gillian is regularly instructed on behalf of the Medicine and Healthcare Products Regulatory Authority ("MHRA"), in respect of breaches of the regime for the regulation of the supply of medicines for human use. She was instructed in the first prosecution brought by the MHRA in respect of counterfeit life saving medicines (e.g. cancer drugs), that were introduced into the supply chain in the UK, reaching pharmacies and patients.

In respect of professional disciplinary work, Gillian is currently on the General Medical Counsel's developmental list of prosecuting counsel. Gillian has also represented a number of public officials charged with misconduct in public office. The cases often involve concurrent internal/disciplinary investigations and complex issues as to disclosure.

R v Peter Gillespie & others (2011)

Junior Prosecution counsel in unique and exceptionally complicated case. This was the first prosecution brought by the Medicines and Healthcare Product Regulatory Agency in respect of counterfeit life saving medicines (e.g. cancer drugs) that were introduced into the UK supply chain, reaching pharmacies and patients. The case was also linked to an FBI undercover operation. The case required detailed knowledge of the Medicines Regime in the UK and in Europe. 20+ international experts and over 200 live witnesses were called. International media interest existed throughout trial.

R v Chambers & others (2011)

Defence counsel in self assessment / PAYE fraud. Acted for accountant at heart of conspiracy. Involved assimilation/ analysis of 80,000+ pages of evidence. Required specialist knowledge of complicated issues of tax law and liabilities.

HMRC v Amitel Ltd (2010)

Appeared on behalf of respondents (HMRC). Appeal against decision to withhold £13m VAT repayment. Appeal dismissed. Required specialist knowledge of VAT repayment regime.

Please refer to Fraud and Corporate crime to view the following cases:

R v R & Others [2015 - 2016]

R v Hayes [2015]

R v Gilbert & Ors [2015-2016]

R v MacDonald & Downes [2014]

R v Mustafa & Ors [2013 -2015]

International Representation

An area of work in which Gillian has unique experience is in the field of Mutual Legal Assistance. Gillian acted as the UK's lead advocate in obtaining evidence from prosecution witnesses in the highly politically sensitive prosecution of Silvio Berlusconi and David Mills. She was selected by the Prosecutor's Office in Milan, Italy to act on their behalf as prosecution counsel in proceedings conducted in the UK. Unusually the Milan Criminal Court convened in the UK to hear evidence being taken from key prosecution witnesses. Further proceedings were conducted via Live Link direct to the Milan Criminal Court.

Gillian is also experienced in advising on, as well as drafting European Arrest Warrants leading to the extradition of defendants to the UK for prosecution.

Silvio Berlusconi and David Mills

Prosecution counsel in UK MLA proceedings - involved taking of evidence from key witnesses; issues as to legal professional privilege both in the UK and Italy; jurisdictional legal arguments and issues over the transmission of material via UKCA.

Publications, Lectures and Training

Publications

Practical Law, Corporate and Financial Crime - Conspiracy, Thomson Reuters

Chapter contributor - Cross Border Jurisdiction, 'Fraud Law, Practice and Procedure', Lexis Nexis

Chapter contributor - Rook & Ward: 'Sexual Offences, Law & Practice', Sweet & Maxwell

Contributing Editor - 'Archbold Magistrates Court: Criminal Practice', Sweet & Maxwell (2005-2010)

Lexis Nexis - 'Market Abuse and FCA Enforcement' - 20 March 2015 Webinar

Contributor to 'Forensic Gynaecology: Towards better care of the female victim of sexual assault.'

Archbold Practical Research Papers: Diminished Responsibility

Article: Parliamentary Brief "A Fraud on Freedom", the right to jury trial in fraud case

Contributor Legal Network TV (College of Law) training DVDs on developments in Criminal Law

Lectures/Presentations

Presented lectures on - Financial Crime - Insider Dealing; Expert witnesses, practice and procedure; Vulnerable witnesses and the role of the intermediary; Confiscation/Asset Recovery and the Impact of the Human Rights Act.

Presented/facilitated seminars on - Confiscation/Asset Recovery, The approach to obtaining evidence from vulnerable and child witnesses and Sexual offences.

McKay's Law Lectures: "Turning Intelligence into Evidence"

Response to Government Consultation Papers on behalf of the Bar Council and CBA: VHCC and Legal Aid reform; reform of sexual offences and sentencing; expert witnesses; juveniles; vulnerable witnesses; Homicide Act 2008.

Legal assistance to the charity 'Standing up for kids: Just for Kids Law'

Recommendations

What The Directories Say

'She stands her ground and holds her own.' Legal 500

Gillian is "extremely dedicated and extremely bright,"... "she's an absolutely first-class worker, with bubbling enthusiasm and common sense. She's able to take the client through difficult decisions." (Chambers & Partners).

Has a strong track record defending and prosecuting sophisticated financial crime cases. She regularly deals with investment fraud, anti-competitive trading and FSMA offences. (Chambers & Partners 2016)

"She's really top-drawer but doesn't blow her own trumpet." (Chambers & Partners 2016)

"She is very hard-working, thorough and efficient. She is good with the client too." "Extremely bright and extremely hard-working." (Chambers & Partners 2016)

Additional Information

Professional Appointments

SFO Prosecution Panel: Grade A

SFO Proceeds of Crime Panel: Grade A

CPS Specialist Panels: Fraud, Organised Crime, Confiscation/Asset Recovery: Grade 3

CPS General and Rape Panel: Grade 3

Attorney-General's List of Prosecuting Counsel

2012 Recorder of the Crown Court

2012-to date Developmental List: GMC

2011 Direct Access Qualified

2008 Pupil Supervisor

Memberships

Member of the CBA Executive Committee (Secretary 2012-2013)

Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law
Justice
Liberty
South Eastern Circuit
Elected member of the Bar Council (2003 - 2006)
Languages
Italian