



Nicolas Gerasimidis

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Practice:

Crime – Specialist Criminal / Regulatory law advocate.

Experience:

Heavy Commercial Fraud & Serious/ Organised Crime
Defending & Prosecuting (predominantly Leading Junior)

Fraud

Including:

- Money Laundering
- Large scale VAT
- Diversion
- Government Trust
- Insider trading
- Financial Services
- Corporate
- Credit Card
- Computer
- Antique Art
- Banking & Insurance frauds
- NHS fraud
- International maritime trade fraud
- Art fraud

Serious Crime (general):

- Murder
- Manslaughter cases (including Corporate Manslaughter, Diminished Responsibility cases, extra-jurisdictional manslaughter, shaken baby syndrome cases)
- Multi-handed conspiracies cases including Class A & B Drug/ Armed Robbery/Fraud/ Firearms/Illegal Immigrant importation/ Antique Art theft (The Cook Report)/car ringing

Sexual offences

- Violent
- Gang rape
- Historic rape / Adult/children

Numerous cases Prosecuting & Defending where sensitive Public Interest Immunity (special counsel issues)/ Human Rights.



Reported & Significant cases:

Nicolas is a specialist in high profile, difficult and technically challenging cases. For examples please see cases below.

R v Nigel Leat (2009) – a high profile child sex case (Hillside School, Weston-Super-Mare) involving highly sensitive issues of disclosure and identification of victims.

R v Vanessa George & Others (2009) – Defending a very high profile child sex case with considerable press interest (Little Ted's nursery in Plymouth) involving highly sensitive issues of disclosure and identification of victims.

R v Mark Shirley (2009) – Defending the convicted murderer of an old lady in 1987 who, whilst on parole in 2009, brutally raped his ex-girlfriend's best friend, imprisoning her in her own home whilst threatening to relive the murder.

R v Drake & Ors (2009) – Defended the South West's most serious insurance fraud (Norwich Union £½ million loss) involving complicated economic/non-economic loss common law offence of conspiracy to defraud.

R v Drain (2009) – Three year investigation into Council bribery which failed to result in a trial following legal arguments concerning the exposure of disclosure problems in the investigation.

R v Welsh & Others (2008) – Successfully defended one of the main two defendants in what was considered the South West's most serious and expensive NHS Fraud (claiming for the use of decompression treatment on the NHS for bogus & actual divers with the bends).

R v Hnatiuk, (NorwichC/C) – Murder

R v Dragici, (Central Criminal Court) – Murder (Non-British national)

R v Hayter, (Central Criminal Court, Appeal in House of Lords) – Murder

R v Bradish – Flying Squad Prosecution for 5 year armed robbery conspiracy where defendants received 28&22year sentences (Upheld).

R v Fashanu – Financial Services Act fraud/Director disqualification.

R v Karagozlu & ors – VAT & Perverting the Course of Justice, attempt to wipe out Customs& Excise computerised Intelligence records with infected disks through inside agent/Protected jury.

R v Champness & ors – Drugs/Public Interest Immunity relating to telephone taps.

R v Sheik & Ors – £11million confiscation, Trading Standards fraud; (withdrawal of guilty pleas).

R v Phillips – Customs officers in £2 million VAT fraud.

R v Carville & Ors – £2/3m car ringing conspiracy – all aspect of car ringing expertise examined

R v Bradish – Meaning of words "have with him" in Firearms Act.

R v Hayter – Finding of guilt of co defendants by Jury as evidence.

Education:

Inns of Court School of Law (1987)

Southampton University (LLB Honours, 1983-1986)

Mill Hill School (1977-1983)

**Pupillage:**

1988-1991 Hollis Whiteman Chambers

Professional career:

Chambers of Oliver Blunt/Sally O'Neil Q.C, 32 Furnival Street, London (up to 2004) – Specialist set for Serious Fraud/Confiscation/Asset Forfeiture.

2004 Guildhall Chambers

Appointments:

Recorder (June 2005)

Directory Recommendations:**Legal 500 2010**

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Further information:

Speaks Greek and Dutch

Clerk:

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Direct Professional Access:

Yes – will accept instructions for private crime and regulatory crime cases.