

RAY TULLY QC

CALL: 1987

SILK: 2021

"He is a first-class advocate who works hard, knows the papers and presents his case extremely well."

Chambers UK 2022

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Ray is a heavyweight Criminal Law and Sports Law barrister, a former Head of the Chambers' Crime Team. With 30 years experience of practice at the very top level, he is well recognized for the thoroughness of his preparation coupled with superb court room presentation to both Judge and Jury. Excellent client relationships. Well used to leading litigation teams in the most complex of cases.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Crime
 - Sports Law
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CRIME

Specialist Criminal Practitioner with vast experience of heavyweight crime.

Both prosecutes and defends in the most serious cases.

RECENT CASES

Complex Drug / Money Laundering / Fraud Cases

- Operation Akron - Prosecuted 7 handed multi million pound fraud case.
- Operation Nebraska - Prosecution of a 20 handed drugs conspiracy.
- R v ME - Defence of a burglar accused in £2 million art heist case.
- R v VS - Defence in £2 million NHS fraud.
- R v SM - Defence in multi million pound fraud re STW.
- Operation Rosco - Prosecution of 18 handed drugs conspiracy.
- Operation Raby - Prosecuted 13 handed drugs conspiracy.
- Operation Raphis - Prosecuting 7 handed £50 million money laundering case.
- Operation Bet & Blare - Prosecuting 13 handed drugs conspiracy.
- Operation Battlecreek - Prosecution 4 handed £350 Million Fraudulent Trading Case.
- R v O - Defended in 9 handed money laundering conspiracy.

Homicide

Has appeared in many murder / manslaughter cases.

- R v TB - Defended in two handed murder trial.
- R v JL - Defended in pre-meditated murder 'for financial gain' case.
- R v ES - Defence in 9 handed murder case.
- R v AL - Defended in 3 handed murder case.
- R v SH - Ddefended 17 year old female defendant charged with murder.
- R v BY - Defended alleged child murderer.
- R v CL - Defend alleged attempted murder of police officer.
- R v JG - Prosecuted manslaughter case with complex medico / legal causation issues.

Serious Sexual Offences

- R v MS - Defence of a lead defendant in a 6 handed child CSE case.
- R v WP - Defended step-father accused of multiple rapes upon step-daughter.
- R v DH - Prosecution of defendant for multiple rapes of 3 complainants resulting in a life sentence.
- R v W - Prosecution of serial stranger rapist.
- R v PB - Prosecution of male claiming to have 'sexomnia'.
- R v SB - Defend 84 year old male accused of historic rapes.

Other Notable Cases

- R v CB - Westminster VIP Paedophile ring case - defended 'Nick'.
- R v DS - Defence of father accused of 'baby shaking'.

SPORTS LAW

Ray has considerable experience in RFU disciplinary work. He has represented top players and coaches at Premiership, European and International level and has appeared in many high profile cases. Ray is well aware of the unique pressures faced by professional teams and is both flexible and approachable. He understands the considerable time constraints that often apply in disciplinary work and the need to react quickly and effectively in what is usually a fast moving and dynamic situation. Ray is client focused as will bring to bear his considerable experience as an advocate in the most serious of criminal cases.

RECOMMENDATIONS

CHAMBERS UK 2022

Crime

New Silk

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LEGAL 500 2022

Crime

Ranked: New Silk

'Ray is meticulous in both his preparation and presentation of cases.'

CHAMBERS UK 2021

Crime

Band 1

CPS Grade 4 prosecutor Ray Tully boasts experience in all areas of serious crime, including murder, manslaughter and rape. He has acted in many of the Western Bar's most significant cases.

Strengths: "Particularly efficient in his analysis of complex evidence and identification of relevant issues. He provides helpful advice to clients."

Recent work: Defended Carl Beech, who was prosecuted for allegedly making false allegations involving multiple child rapes and three child murders.

LEGAL 500 2021

Crime (General and Fraud)

'A powerful advocate who approaches cases in a lateral fashion - he sees aspects that others have missed.'

CHAMBERS UK 2020

Crime

CPS Grade 4 prosecutor Ray Tully boasts experience in all areas of serious crime, including murder, manslaughter and rape. He is also an approved member of the CPS specialist rape and organised crime panels. He has acted in many of the Western Bar's most significant cases.

Strengths: "He defends and prosecutes at the highest level. He never fails to impress me in the quality of his work." "Ray is dogged; if he gets a bit between his teeth in relation to a participant he will pursue it to the bitter end. He is very meticulous, thorough and quietly persuasive. He chips away and gets the results." Recent work: Prosecuted a 70-year-old defendant accused of killing a woman by dangerous driving.

LEGAL 500 2020

Crime

"His level of detail is superb, with top-class judgement and a brilliant rapport with clients."

CHAMBERS UK 2018

Crime

Junior - Band 1

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Strengths: "He constantly exceeds already high expectations."

Recent work: Prosecuted a defendant for multiple rapes upon five separate complainants, both male and female, some of whom were vulnerable victims.

LEGAL 500 2017

Crime

Leading juniors

'Hardworking and tactically astute.'

CHAMBERS UK 2017

Crime

Junior - Band 1

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Strengths: "A particularly outstanding individual who communicates clearly and sympathetically to clients, and prepares cases very thoroughly. He also has sound tactical judgement, and inspires confidence in both clients and the judiciary."

Recent work: Successfully defended an individual who became involved in an altercation and struck a man who subsequently died as a result of his injury. The trial resulted in a hung jury and the defendant was found not guilty.

LEGAL 500 2016

Crime

Leading juniors

'He is incredibly smart and represents all clients with passion.'

CHAMBERS UK 2016

Crime

Junior - Band 1

Head of the crime team at Guildhall Chambers, Ray Tully is a popular choice for briefs concerning a wide range of criminal offences, such as large-scale drug conspiracies and complex murder cases.

Strengths: "He is an artful and intuitive analyser of evidence, with a scholarly knowledge of case law and a calm client manner."

Recent work: Prosecuted in R v Creed & Reddan, a case in which two defendants were involved in a car crash, killing a girlfriend of one defendant.

LEGAL 500 2015

Crime

Leading juniors

'Always well prepared, and a good strategist'.

In a recent work highlight, Ray Tully acted in the prosecution of a multi-handed drugs conspiracy involving cocaine and amphetamines.

CHAMBERS UK 2015

Crime

Leading Junior - Band 1

Both prosecutes and defends in complex criminal matters such as homicides, money laundering and drug-related cases.

Expertise: "His case preparation is impressively meticulous and he is very, very good with clients."

Recent work: Instructed in R v Lagwinowicz, concerning a high-profile plot to commit murder for financial gain.

LEGAL 500 2014

Crime

Leading juniors

'He prosecutes and defends a wide range of complex cases, and is experienced in leading teams'.

CHAMBERS UK 2014

Is noted for his ability to see through hugely complex cases and plot a straightforward course towards litigation success. He handles a wide range of criminal matters.

Expertise: "His no-nonsense approach has proven invaluable over the years and he digs deep to carve good results out of dire situations."

Recent work: He was the lead junior for The Crown in the prosecution of 24 defendants in Operation Raby, a case involving four interrelated heroin conspiracies.

LEGAL 500 2013

Ray Tully, who is 'a no-nonsense advocate out of the very top drawer'.

CHAMBERS UK 2013

Crime

Ray Tully is a respected senior junior whose practice encompasses the defence and prosecution of cases involving murder, serious sexual offences, complex fraud and drugs conspiracy. He was recently led by Richard Smith QC in the aforementioned trial of Mark Bruton-Young.

CHAMBERS UK 2012

The "hard-working and analytical" Ray Tully is a leading junior in fraud and serious crime. He recently acted unled on the nine-handed drugs conspiracy matter of R v Cooper.

LEGAL 500 2011

The 'strikingly good' Ray Tully 'doesn't shirk from advising clients as to the difficult elements of a case'.

CHAMBERS UK 2011

Ray Tully is a "first-class performer" whose criminal practice includes complex fraud and murder cases.

LEGAL 500 2010

Ray Tully's 'preparation is extremely thorough'.

LEGAL 500 2009

Ray Tully is a very effective defender.

LEGAL 500 2008

Ray Tully is highly thought of for effective defence.

LEGAL 500 2007

'Ray Tully is expert at multi-handed trials and serious crime'.

MEMBERSHIPS:

- CBA
 - Western Circuit
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EDUCATION:

- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law
 - Diploma in Law, City University
 - BA Hons, History & Politics, Keele University
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RECENT NEWS

- Statement regarding 'no returns' from the Crime team
 - Ray Tully to be appointed Queen's Counsel
 - Practical Advocacy in the Crown Court has been published today!
 - We are very excited to announce publication of our book 'Practical Advocacy in the Crown Court' written by members of our Crime Team
 - Coronavirus Regulations Update - 6 July 2020
 - Guildhall Chambers is delighted to announce that Peter Binder will join our Crime Team on 1 September 2020
 - We are pleased to announce our Crime Team will have their book published by Bloomsbury Legal
 - Coronavirus Regulations - Update 23 June 2020
 - Coronavirus Regulations - Update 1 June 2020
 - Crime Team Newsletter - April 2020
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