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Benjamin Thiele-Long is an established and well-regarded criminal barrister who also brings significant experience as a strategic C-suite and board advisor to multi-national organisations in the USA and Europe.

Since his call to the bar in 2006 Benjamin has established himself as a tenacious and persuasive advocate, with a forensic eye to detail when both prosecuting and defending, and style described as "extremely clear and able" by The Court of Appeal.

Over the last two decades, he has built a substantial practice in three key areas; fraud, serious sexual offences (especially historic cases), and cases involving defendants and victims with mental disorders, all informed by his experience outside the bar working in investor relations and with those with psychiatric disorders.

He has in-depth experience of complex white-collar crime and drug importation offences, including defending one of the largest cannabis importations into the UK to date, as well as multiple high-profile and complex sexual offences involving vulnerable child and adult victims.

Outside of law, Benjamin has advised companies in the USA, Europe, and Asia as a communications and corporate affairs consultant. Internationally, he has advised on over 50 global mergers and IPO roadshows, investor days, and earnings for NYSE, NASDAQ, and LSE-listed companies.

Throughout his international consultancy career, he has advised businesses operating in regulated sectors, both publicly listed and privately held. He has also media trained over 150 different CEOs, Founders, and Board Members of some of the world's biggest banks, tech companies, and consumer brands.

In addition to being an Inns of Court advocacy trainer, he is considered a respected industry expert known for his uniquely no-nonsense, practical, and relatable approach to presentation training and issues and crisis management. His first book, "[How to be Utterly Brilliant at Public Speaking, Presenting, and Talking to the Media](#)" is available internationally, published by LID publishing.

Expertise

Fraud

Notable Fraud cases

R v H & Others [Winchester Crown Court]

16-week trial as led junior and then leading junior in fraud, money laundering and 12.5 Tonne cannabis importation. Case included significant proceeds of crime act considerations.

R v A et al [Canterbury Crown Court]

Prosecution of multi-handed proceeds of crime act confiscation following a carousel fraud.

R v C [Gloucester Crown Court]

Prosecution multi-count fraud by serving soldier from MOD including creation of false documents by the defendant's spouse to enable the offences.

R v C [Southwark Crown Court]

Highly publicised case of fraud by actress and model.

R v B [Guildford Crown Court]

Defence of multi-count fraud, theft and creation of articles for use in fraud by employee through manipulating the electronic till systems.

Sexual Offences

Notable Sexual Offences cases

R v S [Basildon Crown Court]

Prosecution of three stranger rapes committed by youth against vulnerable child victims.

R v S and T [Bournemouth Crown Court]

Prosecution of double-handed non-recent rape and sexual assault against family members.

R v B [Southampton Crown Court]

Defence of serial sexual offender for offences committed against young boys (all under 10) in public swimming baths; defendant had significant dementia and autism.

R v Z and Others [Oxford and Aylesbury Crown Courts]

Defence of four separate but connected rapes and sexual assaults against trafficked child/young adult victims.

R v B [Peterborough Crown Court]

Prosecution of familial rapes committed by youth, with the second committed on bail for the first.

Violence

Notable Violence cases

R v V and Z [Liverpool Crown Court]

Defence of multi-count non-fatal baby-shaking and child abuse.

R v W [Southampton Crown Court]

Defence in multi-handed kidnap, rape, sexual and physical abuse case of disabled child.

R v H [Bournemouth Crown Court]

Prosecution of multi-defendant shotgun robbery.

R v H [Oxford Crown Court]

Defence of s.18 GBH against police officers by schizophrenic hospital escapee, including contested fitness to plea and MHA disposal.

Driving Fatalities

Notable Driving Fatalities cases

R v H [Winchester Crown Court]

Defence of case of death by careless driving by a 90-year-old defendant.

Court of Appeal

Notable Court of Appeal cases

R v F

Successful appeal against sentence, and subsequently reported in Banks on Sentence as guidance in escape cases.

R v J

Successful appeal against sentence, possession with intent to supply.

R v C

Appeal against sentence where Mr. Justice Jay commented on counsel's "extremely clear and able submissions".

Qualifications

- BSc Cognitive Neuroscience, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College
- GDL
- University of LawBar Vocational Course, University of Law

Memberships

- Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit

Positions Held

- ICSL Advocacy Trainer