



# Michael Magarian KC

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## Expertise

### Murder & Manslaughter

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Michael is instructed regularly by Wells Burcombe in appeals. He has built up a reputation as one of the main appellate silks working in criminal law. He was recently praised by the Court of Appeal for his advocacy:

See para 26 of [Hodges, R. v \(Rev1\) \[2021\] EWCA Crim 1298 \(30 July 2021\) \(bailii.org\)](#)

### Notable Murder & Manslaughter cases

Michael has appeared in countless grave and high profile cases such as:

[Pair who killed and disembowelled inmate given life sentences | Crime | The Guardian](#)

He has a proven track record of acquittals as in these matters:

[Uber driver, 39, sobs as he's cleared of murdering eight-week son | Daily Mail Online](#)

[Innocent London woman was 'gunned down near children's playground | Daily Mail Online](#)

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In the McClymont case his client was cleared whilst the co-accused, with whom there was a cut-throat defence, was convicted of murder:

[BREAKING: Man jailed for life for murder of Karl Bunster | SussexWorld \(sussexexpress.co.uk\)](#)

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In the case below he achieved success with Jonathan Black of BSB solicitors in a cold case murder:

[Acquittal in bones allotment murder trial – BSB Solicitors](#)

## Sexual Offences

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Michael appears in cases with sexual allegations upon a private basis. He has built up a practice of also taking on appeals in cases where people have been convicted using other lawyers. He is adept at drafting grounds of appeal and succeeding where others have not pursued all avenues which were open to the defendant.

### Notable Sexual Offences cases

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In a recent case he achieved a major success in a sex case where a special constitution of the Court of Appeal agreed with his submissions that there had been major procedural errors in the Crown Court:

See para 62 of [Gould & Ors v R. \[2021\] EWCA Crim 447 \(30/03/2021 Before \(bailii.org\)](#)

## Awards





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