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Sean is a sought-after senior criminal barrister specialising in cases that require expert advocacy skills. Sean is often the defence leader of choice in several high profile, complex and serious criminal cases.

Sean has experience in criminal matters involving charges for murder and conspiracy to murder, multi-kilo drugs cases, serious fraud, and serious violence, successfully defending a range of clients.

Sean has defended in many sex cases (both present and historical).

Sean is called upon to advise professional clients at an early stage of proceedings regarding strategy and achieving the best outcome for lay clients.

With over 30 years of experience, Sean has developed a varied practice and represents both individual and corporate clients.

Sean also represents Police Officers at Police Disciplinary Tribunals and Army Personnel at Courts Martials, both in this country and overseas.

As a trainer with the Inns of Court College of Advocacy and Gray's Inn is very familiar with all cases concerning the vulnerable and section 28.

Sean represents appellants appearing before major hearings at the Court of Criminal Appeal and is instructed to advise on the merits of an appeal before they reach that stage. He has experience in all aspects of appellate work, including applications to the Court of Appeal (both on paper at first instance and oral renewals) and judicial review in the Administrative Court

Expertise

Murder & Manslaughter

Notable Murder & Manslaughter cases

R v B

Defending in a multi-handed murder where the defendant was a vulnerable drug user, used by the co-defendants to lure the victim to his death.

Gangs & Organised Crime Groups

Notable Gangs & Organised Crime Groups cases

R v E

Leading Junior defending an allegation of murder in a drugs and gang war.

R v L

Leading Junior in a multi-handed conspiracy to murder in a drugs and gang war.

Drugs and Serious Violence

Notable Drugs and Serious Violence cases

R v O'B

Defended in a multi-handed Encrochat conspiracy to supply and import Class A drugs.

R v S

Defended a premiership footballer alleged to have assaulted his partner.

R v D

Defended in a multi-handed drugs case involving 300 kilos of cocaine. This defendant was tried alone as he had been 'on the run'. The other defendants received 28-year sentences.

R v D H

Defended a professional footballer on a section 20 GBH.

Historic Sexual Offences

Notable Historic Sexual Offences cases

R v H

Represented defendant who pleaded guilty to 2 kidnaps and sexual assaults dating back to 2002.

R v L

Defended in a historic sex case when the complainant was eight years of age.