

John Elvidge QC

Barrister

Overview

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John Elvidge QC prosecutes and defends serious criminal cases.

He also undertakes regulatory and licensing work.

Homicide

Acts of revenge

- R v Rought and Smith (2014, prosecuting) – media coverage can be found [here](#)
- R v Gaskin and others (2014, defending) – media coverage can be found [here](#)

By children and young people

- R v Johnson (2011, defending) – media coverage can be found [here](#)
- R v Garner & Keane (2013, prosecuting) – media coverage can be found [here](#)
- R v F & D (the “Angela Wrightson murder”) (2016, defending D) – media coverage can be found [here](#)
- On media reporting – media coverage can be found [here](#)
- [2016] 2 Cr App R 13

Diminished Responsibility

- R v Miller (2013, defending) – media coverage can be found [here](#)
- R v Patterson (2014, prosecuting) – media coverage can be found [here](#)

Gross Negligence Manslaughter

- R v Barrass (2011, prosecuting) gross neglect causing death of disabled sister. media coverage can be found [here](#)
- See also [2012] 1 Cr App R (S) 80 S

Statutory duty, breach causing death

- R v Williams (2018, prosecuting) cot/bed designer convicted of breaching statutory duty contrary to section 3 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. – media coverage can be found [here](#)



Year Of Call / Year of silk

1988 / 2010

Practice Areas

[Crime](#)

[Regulatory](#)



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Secondary liability

- R v Wass (2019, defending) – media coverage can be found [here](#)

Multiple deaths

- R v Haigh (2012, defending) -media coverage can be found [here](#)
- R v Ruddy (2015, prosecuting) -media coverage can be found [here](#)

Particularly vulnerable victims

- R v Briggs (2011, defending) – media coverage can be found [here](#)
- R v Campbell (2016, defending) – media coverage can be found [here](#)
- R v Honeyman and Stevenson (2017, prosecuting) – media coverage can be found [here](#)

Organised crime

Blackmail and kidnapping

- R v Xue (2010, defending) – media coverage can be found [here](#)
- [2012] 1 Cr App R (S) 91

Corporate Fraud

- R v Black and others (Operation Adobe) (2018, defending a financial consultant) – five month trial; an SFO prosecution that concerned millions of pounds worth of sales of solar panels throughout the UK using incentive schemes based on prospective offshore investment and insurance.

Drugs conspiracies

- R v Singh and others (2012, prosecuting) – media coverage can be found [here](#)

Fraud against financial institutions

- R v P J Wright (Operation Nacho) (2014 – 2016, prosecuting appeals and retrials) – media coverage can be found [here](#)

Appointments:

Queen’s Counsel (2010)

Head of York Chambers (2011)

Head of Dere Street Barristers
(2011 to date)

Master of the Bench,
Gray’s Inn (2014)

Leader of the North Eastern
Circuit (2014 to 2016)

Education:

King Edward VII School,
Sheffield

University of Newcastle upon
Tyne

Inns of Court School of Law

Pupil of HH Michael Taylor
at the chambers of Robin
Stewart QC (2 Harcourt
Buildings, Temple & annex at
17, Blake Street, York

Memberships:

Gray’s Inn

North Eastern Circuit

Criminal Bar Association

Bar Council (2007/10,
2013/16)

General Management
Committee of the Bar Council
(2014/16)

Perverting the course of justice

- R v R (2011, defending)
- R was tried at Woolwich on a conspiracy charge alleging jury tampering in a gangland murder trial
- Informant evidence was called pursuant to a section 73 agreement
- The case was stayed for abuse of process.

Sexual exploitation

- R v Azram and others (Operation Shelter) (2015 – 2017, prosecuting) – media coverage can be found [here](#) and [here](#)

Slavery

- R -v- Rafael and others (2018) prosecuting 15 week trial

Directory Recommendations

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2019

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Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2018

“He has excellent advocacy and client care skills. The matter was complex and despite having the case sent to him late, he mastered the vast amount of evidence with ease and speed.”

The Legal 500 2017

“Very experienced in high-profile homicide cases”

The Legal 500 2016

“Experienced in a range of heavyweight cases.”

The Legal 500 2015

“He is, for many, the first-choice silk on the North Eastern Circuit”