

## John Elvidge QC

Barrister

### Overview

**“Experienced in a range of heavyweight cases.” - Legal 500 2016**  
**“He is, for many, the first-choice silk on the North Eastern Circuit”**  
**- Legal 500 2015**

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](#)

#### 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](#)



Year Of Call / Year of silk

**1988 / 2010**

### Practice Areas

Crime

Regulatory



## **Organised crime**

### **Blackmail and kidnapping**

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

### **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](#)

### **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](#)

## **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)

## **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)

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