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THE CHAMBERS OF
TIMOTHY RAGGATT QC

Timothy Raggatt QC – Barrister

Called 1972 (Silk 1993)

Introduction:

After two years training bar final students Timothy joined the Birmingham Bar in 1974 and thereafter practised as a junior in Birmingham until taking Silk in 1993 then moving chambers to London

Timothy practises in all areas of criminal law but particularly murder, serious fraud, drug related offences, arson and serious sexual offences cases. He is also authorised to try all Serious Sexual Offences in his capacity as a Crown Court Recorder .

Timothy has appeared in a large number of complex and serious trials in the West Midlands and South East and in particular has been at the very forefront of most of the leading cases involving “Black on Black” gun crime in the West Midlands.

Timothy also played a central part as Leading Counsel in the recent evolution of the law of evidence on key witness protection issues such as anonymity and special protection measures advising the police in the Midlands on overall policy as well as on a case by case basis.

During recent years Timothy has been instructed all over the country in centres such as Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham and London. Timothy has a defence practise that geographically covers most of the country; he also prosecutes for the CPS in the Midlands and Thames Valley areas. As well as the above Timothy has an extensive referral practice in the Court of Appeal Criminal Division.

Through the cases that Timothy has conducted he has built up an extensive specialist knowledge in mobile phone technology and cell site analysis as well as in DNA techniques & medical issues related to homicide of young children.

Timothy was also instrumental in the introduction of Advocacy Training courses for the Bar on the Midland and Oxford Circuit in 1991 and continued to organise and teach on them up until 1998. The training in the UK is based upon the techniques of the distinguished Australian Professor George Hempel. Timothy was one of those originally trained by Professor Hempel himself when this form of training began in the early 1990's. Since 1998 he has continued to train advocates and advocacy trainers on a regular basis on behalf of the Inner Temple as a senior member of the Inn's Advocacy Training Committee.

In the Civil courts Timothy is instructed in cases for damages against the police and other public authorities (for torts such as false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, misfeasance in public office and negligence). He also holds a civil recorder post where he also deals with these matters.

Case Profiles of Major National Significance:

R v Sellick & Sellick [2005] 2 Cr.App R 15

A gangland shooting that fundamentally altered the law involving vulnerable or otherwise intimidated witnesses and has become THE leading case on this topic.

R v Ellis & Others 2005-6

The “New years Day” Shootings of Letitia Shakespeare and Charlene Ellis.

R v Cannan

The Shirley Banks Murder and the man who remains an Important suspect in the Suzie Lamplugh enquiry.

R. v Cotter & Others [2002] 2 Cr App R 29

One of the three key leading authorities on offences of Perverting the Course of Justice. The case concerned an alleged “racist conspiracy” surrounding the Olympic Athlete Ashia Hansen as well as other black British Olympic athletes.

R. v Bull & Others

The infamous Hells Angels M40 shooting in 2008.

R. v Gordon & Abuhansah

The starvation of Khyra Ishaq in 2010.

R. v Ribera & Others

The shootings at the Fairfield post office in 2009.

R. v Grady

The case of the father who drove his children into the River Avon in 2010.

Case Profiles Murder:

R. v Ethel Trigwell

Aka “The Black Widow” – a “contract killing” of a private detective Barry Trigwell by a hired South African .

R v Dooley & Others

A gangland shooting with ground-breaking hearsay evidence from the deceased leading to the prosecution of those who killed him.

R v McMahon R S & McMahon J C

A homosexual murder of particular brutality.

R v Richards K B, Simms G & Falconer C

A gangland shooting. (Black on Black)

R v Hussain T & another

An “honour” killing within an Asian family context.

R v Waite C I

The murder of Nicola Dixon – an “historic” DNA case involving the sexual murder of a teenage girl.

R v Hoti G

A child murder defence the accused being the Grandmother of the deceased child and who was only an Albanian speaker.

R v Gill N S

Body in the canal “Whodunit” murder.

R. v Halling N.

Child murder.

R. v Meredith 2011.

Successful defence of a young man in a joint enterprise street killing which attracted a great deal of local notoriety .

Case Profiles Serious Fraud:**R. v. Bartlett**

£50 million plus, company fraud.

R. v Mahoney & Others

Multi – million pound banking fraud.

Case Profiles Drugs:**R. v Olah & Others**

Multi – million pound drugs supplying conspiracy.

R. v Langston & Others 2011

Multi—million pound cocaine supplying conspiracy

Other information required for LinkedIn:

Appointments:

1972	Called to the Bar.
1972-1974	Tutor in criminal procedure and the law of evidence – Inns of Court School of Law
1991-to date	Recorder of the Crown Court (Crime/Civil & Serious Sexual Offences)
1992-1998	Director of Advocacy Training – Midland Circuit
1993	Appointed Queens Counsel
1999	Bencher of the Inner Temple
2001-To date	Head of Chambers, 4 King’s Bench Walk

Professional Courses:

Human Rights Act 1998

Sexual Offences Act 2003

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

Vulnerable witnesses
Expert Witnesses
Criminal Justice Act 2003
Forensic Accounting
International Criminal Court
Criminal Procedure Rules
Serious Sexual Offences (JSB)

Other Professional Memberships:

Inner Temple
Midland Circuit
Criminal Bar Association
South Eastern Circuit
St Philips Chambers, Birmingham.

Leisure Activities:

Golf, Scuba Diving, Bridge

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