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**Brian McKenna**

**Year of call: 1983**

### **Nature of Practice**

Brian is an experienced criminal barrister who has handled cases including the most serious and complex criminal matters. He has prosecuted and defended in cases of:

- Murder,
- Manslaughter,
- Fraud (including DSS Fraud),
- Theft,
- Arson,
- Sexual offences (including sex with minors and paedophilia),
- Drugs
- Child cruelty
- People Trafficking
- The full range of public order offences.

### **Case examples:**

#### **Murder/Assault/Public Order**

R v Herbert – Prosecution Junior on the murder of Sophie Lancaster (the so called “Goth Murder”). March 2007

R v McCrea – January 2007 – serious assault.

R v Southern 2007 – Serious assault, domestic violence.

R v Chadwick – March 2008.

R v Ashworth – December 2008

R v Charnock – November 2009.

#### **Fraud/Theft**

R v Greenhalgh 2007 – Prosecution of the so called “Artful Codgers”. Forgery of antiquities. Internationally reported case.





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R v Porter 2007  
R v Mallu 2008 – credit card fraud on an international scale.  
R v Patel 2008 – schoolboy running an extensive eBay fraud  
R v Hayes 2009 – company checkbook fraud  
R v Pilkington – theft from pensioners  
R v Smith – conspiracy to steal.  
R v Lynch 2008 – DSS fraud  
R v Bradshaw 2008 DSS Fraud.  
R v Kearsley 2009 DSS fraud  
R v Bradshaw 2009 DSS fraud

### **Drugs**

R v Wiggins 2008  
R v Bentham 2008  
R v Ahmed Noor 2008  
R v Carrington 2009  
R v Nixon 2009  
R v Duncanson 2010  
"Operation Marengo" 2008 Cultivation of Cannabis  
R v White 2008  
R v Valentine 2009

### **Prison Riots**

R v Saleem

### **Arson**

R v Cotton 2007 – defence junior – man accused of murder after dousing his flatmate in petrol and setting him alight.  
R v Roughley – 2008.  
R v Collier 2009  
R v Taylor 2010

### **Sexual Offences**

R v Thorp – February 2008  
R v Brooks – October 2008  
R v Ball – November 2008  
R v Aziz – January 2009  
R v Jones - February 2009  
R v Fletcher – April 2009  
R v Meadwell – May 2009 – multiple rape of a girl under the age of 14.  
R v Williams – July 2009





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### **Child Cruelty**

R v Vose 2009

R v Roberts 2009 – extensive burning to a baby with a hairdryer.

R v Downes 2009 – Attempted kidnap

### **People Trafficking**

R v Bogdan 2008

R v Petrovics 2007

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