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**Jeffrey Samuels QC**

**Year of call: 1988**

**Year of silk: 2009**

**Leader of the Criminal Group  
Deputy Head of Chambers**

*"A bright and incisive barrister"* Chambers and Partners 2012

*"Has excellent judgment"* Legal 500 2011

*"impressive practice covers all areas of crime"* Chambers and Partners 2011

*"a very busy silk" who "has recently been involved in a number of Class A drug supply, serious sexual assault, money laundering, conspiracy, manslaughter and murder cases."* Chambers and Partners 2010

*"very fine judgment"* Chambers & Partners, 2009

### **Practice**

Having established a successful practice in serious and complex criminal and regulatory cases, together with a reputation as a highly effective and well-respected advocate, it was a well merited honour when Jeffrey was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2009. Since that time he has swiftly established himself in silk becoming one of the busiest practitioners on circuit, whose services are much sought after.

The Leader of the Criminal Group in Chambers, and more recently as leading counsel for the defence of Levi Bellfield accused of the abduction and murder of Milly Dowler, Jeffrey has over the years proved to be a "very useful operator" (Legal 500), exercising his "excellent judgement" (Legal 500 2011). Although instructed in many notable trials, he is perhaps best known for his success in representing Barry George (convicted of the murder of TV presenter Jill Dando) through the CCRC, his successful appeal against conviction culminating in his acquittal at the Old Bailey in the summer of 2008. Since then he has been instructed to act, amongst others, for Colin Norris, the nurse convicted of murdering 4 of his elderly patients, in his attempt to overturn his conviction.





Jeffrey also receives a growing number of instructions in respect of lesser criminal charges where clients are sufficiently anxious to secure his services that they prefer to fund representation privately than accept legal aid which would not extend to Queen's Counsel. He is also receiving instructions in serious fraud cases, an area of his practice that he has been developing in recent years, appearing in a number of SFO cases along with heavy and complex matters of a similar nature locally.

"One of Britain's leading barristers....Jeffrey Samuels QC has a bulldog reputation for fighting the corner of defendants" – Daily Mail

- **Northern Circuit Lead Advocacy Trainer (Crime)**
- **Member of the Serious Fraud Office's panel of prosecuting Counsel (QC Panel)**

### **Significant recent cases**

*R v Horner (2012)* - the "flatpack shed" murder in which the victim was shot at point blank range in Wythenshawe while sitting in a car.

*R V Banfield (2012)* (Central Criminal court) - acted for daughter alleged alongside her mother to have murdered her father over a decade ago.

*R v Bryan (2012)* - defended would be rapper dubbed the "polite gangster" in a Blackley shooting. The extraordinary feature of the case was the letter intercepted by the prison authorities containing what a world renowned expert considered a highly sophisticated and unusual code.

*R v Jamieson (2011)* - successfully persuaded court not to imprison woman who killed her husband after decades of abuse.

*R v Abramson (2011)* - acted for principal defendant in substantial buy to let fraud

*R v Purcell (2011)* (Stafford Crown Court) - Murder. Stabbing.

*R v Iriogbe (2011)* (Nottingham Crown Court) - Murder. Stabbing.

*R v Hatter (2011)* (Sheffield Crown Court) - Murder. Stabbing

*R v Manning (2011)* - Murder. Stabbing. 4 handed joint enterprise. Cut throat defence. Acted for the only defendant to be acquitted.

*R v Bellfield (2011)* (Central Criminal Court) - Abduction and murder of Millie Dowler.

*R v Waddington (2011)* - double murder in Burnley





*R v Young* (2011) - murder of 89 year old war veteran bludgeoned to death in his own home in the course of a burglary

*R v Oliver* (2011) - The Heaton Park murder. Acted for husband who slit his estranged wife's throat in a frenzied attack while walking in the local beauty spot

*R v Heaton* (2011) - acted for principal defendant in knife attack during street scuffle resulting in death of victim

*R v Atta* (2011) - knifepoint rape of M/cr University student by intruder breaking into Halls of residence

*R v Jamie Smith* (2010). Acted for the principal defendant in group revenge stabbing. Neither eye witness attended, resulting in a two week voir dire as to the admissibility of their video interviews as hearsay, pursuant to s.119 CJA 2003.

*R v Jordan Andrews* (2010). "[Death on the Chester Walls](#)" case. Represented a 17 year old who, with others, attacked a man on the city walk, resulting in massive head injuries with rare complications. The jury rejected the prosecution case that this was murder and convicted on the lesser offence of manslaughter

*R v Martin Day* (2010). Drugs Supply. Acted for the eponymous first defendant, the head of the so-called "Day Lancashire Organised Crime Enterprise"

*R v Mohsin* (2010). Conspiracy to murder (Sheffield). Case collapsed following defence exposure of what the judge described as "disturbing" systemic failures of disclosure.

*R v Ibrahim* (2010). Double Murder (Preston). Represented the main defendant in a so called "honour killing", alleged to have recruited the co-accused to pour petrol through the letter box of the house of the man having an affair with his married sister.

*R v Reid* (2010). Attempted Murder (Chester). Victim survived being stabbed eight times in the chest and abdomen to name the defendant as his attacker. Instructed to lead the defence, the jury acquitted at trial.

*R v Hargreaves* (2010) Successfully persuaded a jury that the defendant, who deliberately started a fire in the bedroom during a drunken fight with his wife, killing three of his children, should be convicted of manslaughter rather than murder.

*R v Petros Williams* (2010) Appeared on behalf of the defendant, a Zimbabwean national, at his trial for the murder of his children aged 2 and 4 after they were discovered lying in bed with ligatures around their necks, with the defendant lying next to them.





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*R v Cooper* (2009) Defendant convicted of manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility after severing his ex-partner's head with a kitchen knife in front of their children. A complex sentencing exercise involving the little used s.45A of the Mental Health Act's hybrid order (hospital and prison).

*R v Reszpondek* (2009) Acted for a Polish man arrested for the murder of an Indonesian woman after the discovery of remains buried in a field outside Wrexham. A huge police investigation involving expert forensic archaeologists, pharmacologists and pathologists, all requiring careful cross-examination.

*R v Nichol-Andrews* (2009) In addition to the above, Jeffrey was instructed to defend a social worker/foster carer charged with the systematic torture of children in her care. After his cross-examination of the complainants the Crown were forced to abandon the prosecution.

### **White Collar Crime**

He is also receiving instructions in serious fraud cases, an area of his practice that he has been developing in recent years, appearing in a number of SFO cases along with heavy and complex matters of a similar nature locally.

### **Regulatory Law**

In addition to heavyweight criminal cases, his advice is increasingly sought in respect of quasi-criminal and regulatory matters.

He has recently acted on behalf of a Detective Inspector at a Police Appeals Tribunal securing his reinstatement. He has appeared in the GMC in respect of a GP who over prescribed medication with fatal consequences. He has recently been appointed to the Attorney General's list of QCs in respect of health and safety, environment work.

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