

Michael Burrows KC

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"Michael is a high-class act."

Chambers UK 2025



Michael Burrows KC highly experienced criminal practitioner.

Expertise

Crime

Michael is a very experienced criminal practitioner. He works for both prosecution and defence and practises mainly in the Crown Court. He is experienced in dealing with cases in the Divisional Court and the Court of Appeal.

Michael is frequently instructed in very serious and complex cases, including murder, grave violent and sexual offences, drug trafficking offences and frauds. His practice also includes police disciplinary and health and safety cases.

Michael has extensive experience of dealing with sensitive material and public interest applications. He gives careful attention to detail and maintains a sound grasp of the issues.

Notable Cases

R v Phillips and others

2016 Prosecuted three gangsters for firearms and drugs offences. After two weeks of legal argument involving PII issues and admissibility of gangster evidence, two defendants pleaded guilty sufficiently and were sentenced to 27 years' and 9 years' imprisonment. After a trial, third defendant was convicted of all offences he faced and sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment.

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R v Bilston Skips and Mahli

2016 Prosecuted to conviction company and its manager for manslaughter by gross negligence at work and related health and safety offences.

R v Thompson and others

2016 Prosecuted to conviction man who stabbed three men in a night club, murdering one and causing serious injuries to the other two. Awarded police commendation for conduct of case described as "very difficult" and with "complex issues".

R v Dantes

2015 Prosecuted man who stabbed and killed his parents at their home. Defendant's guilty pleas to manslaughter by reason of diminished responsibility were accepted but following contested psychiatric evidence he was sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 20 years coupled with a hospital and limitation direction.

R v Cherrington

2015 Prosecuted to conviction man who murdered sex worker at his home and disposed of her body in a wheelie bin. Defendant unsuccessfully sought to blame another man, who had been arrested in the course of the investigation.

R v Uter and others

2014 Prosecuted major conspiracy to kidnap and blackmail club manager. Case involved difficult PII issues and argument relating to admissibility of probe evidence.

R v Srutkowski and another

2014 Prosecuted to conviction two men who murdered Iraqi refugee at his home. Jury rejected the account the defendants gave of provocation.

R v Anslow and others

2013 Prosecuted major conspiracy to escape from prison van. Case involved detailed analysis of phone evidence.

R v Taylor

2013 Prosecuted husband who murdered wife and whose body was never found. Case based on circumstantial evidence. Defendant denied killing his wife and alleged she was depressed and suffering from dementia. His account was discredited in cross-examination and jury convicted him of murder.

R v Harrison and Dickens

2012 Prosecuted to conviction gunman and driver for murder of man shot in bed at home. Case involved substantial PII issues and argument about admissibility of identification evidence, related bad character evidence and disputed probe evidence.

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R v X

2011 Represented young defendant with learning difficulties, ADHD and autism charged with two manslaughters and arson. After 5 weeks of trial, the prosecution accepted his plea to arson being reckless as to whether life was endangered.

R v Mackevic

2010 Represented defendant charged with joint enterprise murder. His co-accused pleaded guilty to murder. After a trial, the defendant was convicted of manslaughter.

R v Dixon

2010 Prosecuted defendant charged with major conspiracy to supply class A drugs. A co-accused pleaded guilty and gave evidence for the Crown under a SOCPA agreement. After a 2 week trial the defendant was convicted and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment.

R v Tobias Rowe

2010 Prosecuted defendant charged with riot, attempt murder, conspiracy to rob and firearms offences arising out of events in the 2005 riots in Birmingham and with subsequent firearms offences. After trial, the defendant was convicted and sentenced to IPP to serve a minimum of 12 years' imprisonment.

R v Angela Gordon

2010 Represented mother charged with murder of child who died of starvation and cruelty to other children. After a 6 week trial, the defendant's guilty pleas to manslaughter and the various cruelty charges were accepted.

R v Garmson

2009 Instructed on appeal to represent appellant in one of the leading DNA cases.

R v Ramnath

2009 Prosecuted doctor for gross negligence manslaughter of patient in hospital. The case involved many expert witnesses dealing with complicated medical issues. After a 6 week trial the defendant was convicted as charged.

R v Nalloori

2008 Prosecuted doctor charged with murder of woman he wanted as his girl-friend. After trial, defendant was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 25 years.

R v Dalton

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2008 Prosecuted woman charged with murder of her partner. Despite history of some past violence against her, defendant was convicted of murder.

Awards



Memberships

- Member of the Criminal Bar Association.

Appointments

- Recorder – 1997

Qualifications

- MA Queens' College Cambridge

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