



### SIR IVAN LAWRENCE Q.C.

Called Inner Temple (1962)

Queen's Counsel (1981)

Recorder (& Assistant Recorder) of the  
Crown Courts (1983-2002)

Bencher of the Inner Temple (1991)

Knighted (1992)

Visiting Professor of Law at the  
University of Buckingham (2004)

### LEGAL CAREER

Sir Ivan is one of the Bar's most experienced practitioners having been at the Criminal Bar for over 45 years – 26 of them as Queen's Counsel. He has won a considerable reputation, mainly as a defender, in some of the UK's most notorious cases. He has appeared in more than 80 murder trials, and has wide experience in drug trafficking, smuggling, rape, child abuse and large-scale commercial frauds. His practice has taken him to the Divisional Court, Court of Appeal, the House of Lords and, in a mass murder war crimes trial, to The Hague.

As a Member of Parliament for 23 years, Sir Ivan was heavily involved in improvements to criminal justice, continued his practice in the criminal courts, and also sat regularly as a Recorder (and Assistant Recorder) in London for 19 years.

### HIS MOST PROMINENT CASES HAVE INCLUDED:

- R v Ronald Kray (blackmail trial and three murder trials concerning Cornell, Jack the Hat and Mad Axe-Man Mitchell)
- R v McVicar (bank robbery)
- R v Deanus (the Mountnessing silver bullion robbery)
- R v Hickson (the Shoreditch Great Banknote raid)
- R v Martin (attempted police murder)
- R v Nilsen (the serial killer)
- R v Bishop (Brighton Babes in the Wood murders)
- R v Riley (Leonie Darnley child murder)
- R v Patch (receiving Brinks-Mat gold bullion)
- R v Preston (House of Lords: telephone-tapping case)
- R v Emmett (House of Lords: drug trafficking compensation)
- R v Velasquez (asylum-seeker murder)
- R v Hoskins (large-scale Liverpool drug importation)
- R v Gowe (Yardie machete attempted murder)
- R v Kayretli (body in concrete slab murder)
- R v Rahman (wife murder in a Chinese takeaway)
- Prosecutor v Kolundzija (Bosnian mass murder war crimes trial at The Hague)
- R v South (multiple child rape and indecency)
- R v Moules (Leeds paedophile rapes)
- R v Quentin Hann (international snooker-star rape at Savoy hotel)
- R v Biggs (the Loughborough bin-bag child murder)
- Ajaelu v Home Secretary (false imprisonment of British citizen believed to be an illegal immigrant)
- Turcan v Toplum Postasi (defamation)
- R v Benjamin (International drug importation conspiracy)

## FRAUD

- R v Clarke (Brinks-Mat gold bullion money-laundering)
- R v Moser (mortgage fraud)
- R v Knight (pyramid selling and off-shore investment fraud)
- R v Bishop (business tax fraud)
- R v Holmes (VAT gold fraud)
- R v Reynolds (Diversion fraud from London City Bond)
- R v R Ratcliff (VAT & money laundering conspiracy)
- Chairman of Beachcroft (City Solicitors) Financial & Regulatory Crime Club
- Fellow of the Society of Advanced Legal Studies (and Chairman of a working group of the Society reviewing anti-terrorist legislation) 2002
- Visiting Professor of Law at University of Buckingham 2003
- Honorary member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America 1980
- As member and chairman of these various Committees, he was an unofficial legal advisor to a series of Home Secretaries, from William Whitelaw to Michael Howard, and to Lord Chancellors Hailsham, Havers and Mackay.
- As an Executive member of “Justice” and as a member of “Amnesty International”, he has been active in campaigns for International human rights for over a quarter of a century.

## EXTRADITION

- US Government v Newton (1989) (At Bow Street: for solicitor charged with assisting Howard Marks)
- Government of Canada v Davies (1997) (Divisional Court: on issue of fitness to be tried).

## SIR IVAN’S WIDER LEGAL EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN AS:

- MP for Burton 1974-1997
- Member of Employment and Social Services Select Committee 1974-1979
- Member of Foreign Affairs Select Committee 1983-1992 (assisting Amnesty International)
- Member of Consolidation of Statutes Committee 1974-1987
- Member of Executive Council of “Justice” 1989-1995
- Member of Executive 1922 Committee of Conservative backbench MPs 1987-1997
- Chairman of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (UK Branch) 1992-1997
- Chairman of the Parliamentary Home Affairs Select Committee 1992-1997
- Chairman of All Party Barristers Group 1987-1997
- Chairman of Conservative Backbench Legal and Home Affairs Committees 1987-1997
- Chairman of Criminal Justice Committee of Society of Conservative Lawyers (in which capacity he gave evidence to the Runciman and Auld Royal Commissions on the Criminal Justice system)

## SIR IVAN’S SUCCESSFUL LEGAL CAMPAIGNS HAVE INCLUDED:

- Introduction of obligatory tape recorded interviews with suspects
- Creation of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, the National Crime Squad and the Criminal Cases Review Commission
- Introduction of the concept of Racially Aggravated Offences
- Abolition of the “year and a day rule” for murder
- Council house and mortgage protection for deserted wives
- Private management of adult prisons
- Extending protection to battered wives
- Improving the treatment of juvenile offenders

Sir Ivan is an elected member of the Bar Council, a member of the Criminal Bar Association and of the South Eastern Circuit, a Bar Council approved human rights trainer and Inner Temple approved advocacy trainer.

He is also a broadcaster, lecturer and contributor to national newspapers and magazines on current legal topics. In 1990 he initiated the National Lottery with his private member’s Bill in Parliament.