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## Practice Profile

***Danny Robinson KC is a Criminal and Regulatory barrister renowned for his expertise in cases of Serious Fraud, Homicide, Sexual Offending and all forms of Organised Crime. He is listed by both Chambers UK and the Legal 500 as a leading silk.***

Before his appointment as one of His Majesty's Counsel in 2019, Danny was one of the pre-eminent juniors at the criminal Bar. He is a talented trial advocate who combines excellent judgment with a clear focus on the important issues in a case. He is frequently instructed in homicide cases at the Central Criminal Court and elsewhere, often involving gang murders.

His practise takes in all aspects of serious and organised crime, with an emphasis on fraud, money laundering and confiscation. He has particular expertise in cases involving RIPA, PII and disclosure issues. He has vast experience in prosecuting and defending cases of serious sexual misconduct. He has been described as "a first class advocate, with a real cutting edge. Bags of charm but utterly ruthless."

Danny is a member of the Bar Council's Ethics Committee, and of the Money Laundering Working Group.

Danny's Privacy Policy can be downloaded [here](#).

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## Areas of Practice

- General Crime
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Prosecution
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Public Access
- Financial & Corporate Crime
- Homicide
- Military Law
- Sexual Offences
- Cyber Crime
- Terrorism
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Road Traffic
- 5KBW Criminal Appeals
- 5KBW Criminal Appeals Resources

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## What The Directories Say

"He is a very good advocate and a very smooth operator." *Chambers UK 2025*

"Danny is methodical, quiet, powerful and effective as an advocate. There's no nonsense with him." *Chambers UK 2024*

'Danny is fair-minded without being in any way a soft touch. Juries are able to see that, and they trust him.' *Legal 500 2024*

"A measured and persuasive advocate with an attractive manner." *Chambers UK 2023*

'A first class advocate, with a real cutting edge. Bags of charm but utterly ruthless'. *Chambers and Partners*

"He is absolutely delightful to work with, and his legal arguments are meticulous." *Chambers UK 2022*

## Appointments

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- Queen's Counsel 2019
- Bar Council's Ethics Committee
- Money Laundering Working Group

## News

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### Twin Brothers Guilty of Murder

22 October 2024

Following two trials at Luton Crown Court, two brothers were sentenced on Tuesday for the murder of a 16-year old boy, who was fatally stabbed in a car park.

One of the two men was convicted of murder and was sentenced to detention at His Majesty's pleasure, with a minimum term of 22 years. The other was convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to 7 years detention in a Young Offender Institution.

**Danny Robinson KC** leading Claire Howell of Drystone Chambers were instructed for the Crown.

Read more [here](#).

### Nightclub Murder

11 November 2023

Danny Robinson KC and James Brown prosecuted three defendants for the murder of a man outside a nightclub in Ilford, East London.

After an 8-week trial at the Central Criminal Court, two defendants were convicted of murder and the third was found guilty of manslaughter.

The two defendants were sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 25 years. The third defendant will be sentenced on the 22nd November.

Read more here:

Two jailed for life over Ilford nightclub killing - BBC News

## Recent Cases

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### R v SO and Others [Central Criminal Court] 2022

Revenge Killing

William Davis, led by Danny Robinson KC prosecuted a teenager who took part in the revenge killing of a 15-year-old schoolboy. He has been sentenced to 10 years.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11503973/Teenager-16-stabbed-15-year-old-schoolboy-death-revenge-killing-locked-10-years.html>

### R v C [Chelmsford] 2022

Defending in multi-handed murder

Danny Robinson QC lead Nick Robinson on a multi-handed murder of a woman who died from head injuries, following a fight. During the lengthy trial, the Judge decided there was not enough evidence for our client to be charged with murder or manslaughter. C was found guilty of ABH and sentenced to 6 months. Counsel was instructed by Martin Tracy of Brooklyn Law Solicitors.

### R v S [CCC] 2021

Murder in workplace - diminished responsibility

Danny Robinson QC successfully prosecuted a man who murdered the foreman of a site on which they worked together. The defendant argued diminished responsibility based on his psychiatric state, however this was dismissed by the jury. S was handed the life sentence with a minimum term of 22 years.

### R v F [Preston Crown Court] 2021

Defending in a domestic murder

Danny Robinson QC was instructed to defend an individual charged with murder, after a man was found dead at a home in Lancashire. F was jailed for nine years and nine months for manslaughter. Counsel was instructed by Martin Hilson of Barrett Nelligan Solicitors.

### R v T [Hove Crown Court] 2021

Defending in a baby-shaking murder

Danny Robinson QC successfully defended T in a 6 week baby-shaking murder trial at Hove Crown Court. T was acquitted of murder, but was alternatively found guilty of allowing the death of a child. She was sentenced to 2 years and 9 months' imprisonment. Counsel was instructed by Berry & Lamberts Solicitors.

### **R v B-L & J [CCC] 2020**

Shooting of drug dealer

Danny Robinson QC lead Jonathan Polnay in the prosecution of two individuals, charged with the murder of a drug dealer. At the time of the murder, police discovered drugs concealed by the victim's car. The victim was a delivery driver who was found with a gun shot wound to the head.

### **R v S [Woolwich Crown Court] 2020**

Prosecuting in gang stabbing murder

Danny Robinson QC successfully prosecuted an 18-year-old man charged with murder, in relation to a long running gang feud. The defendant was convicted and sentenced to a minimum term of 14 years.

### **R v J&H [Woolwich Crown Court] 2019**

Prosecuting prison murder - diminished responsibility

Danny Robinson QC was instructed to prosecute two individuals charged with the murder of a fellow prisoner. The defendants were cell mates, who were accused of beating to death a man who was found with head injuries, by prison guards.

### **R v Jalal Uddin [C.C.C.] 2019**

Murder of wife by stabbing

Danny Robinson QC led William Davis in this prosecution for murder of a Defendant who stabbed his wife at least 58 times in an attack described by the pathologist as involving "extreme" force.

News Report Here.

### **R v CB & Others [Inner London] 2019**

Multi-Handed County Line Drug Operations

Gordon Carse, led by Danny Robinson QC, prosecuted 21 individuals, over multiple trials, who were charged with a multiple county lines drug dealing operations. All defendants were either convicted or entered guilty pleas for their involvement.

### **Operation Newlands [C.C.C] 2018**

## Murder

Anthony Orchard QC led Danny Robinson in prosecuting four defendants for murder, in a trial that lasted 3 months. The defendants were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment after being found guilty of murder, violent disorder and perverting the course of justice.

[News report here](#)

[News report here](#)

## R v. Zefi & ors [Kingston] 2017

Conspiracy to supply large quantities of class A drugs

Danny Robinson led Paul Jackson in this successful prosecution of males charged with conspiracy to supply large quantities of class A drugs and then launder the proceeds. This was a NCA investigation. The defendants were sentenced to a total of 44 years imprisonment.

[News report here.](#)

## Operation Mapledurwell [C.C.C.] 2017

Drug related Shooting in East London

Anthony Orchard QC led Danny Robinson in this drug related Old Bailey murder trial. The victim was shot dead at his front door of his residence in Stratford East London in the early evening.

## R v. Hashi & ors [C.C.C] 2016

Joint Enterprise Murder

Jonathan Higgs QC leading Danny Robinson successfully defended a man cleared of a joint enterprise murder in which was the first trial to be subject to the Supreme Court decision of R v. Jogee. Instructed by Thomas Boyd Whyte Solicitors.

[Daily Telegraph report here.](#)

## R v. B & ors [Basildon] 2014

Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs

Pieter Briegel led Danny Robinson in this 12 week drugs conspiracy trial in which an undercover Police officer was subjected to attack and had to jump from a first floor window to flee his assailants. Instructed by Thomas Boyd Whyte.

## Notable Cases

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## **R v. Mahmood & Smith - "The Fake Sheikh Trial" [C.C.C] 2016**

Trial of the "Fake Sheikh"

Sarah Forshaw QC leading Danny Robinson were instructed by the CPS in the successful prosecution of the 'Fake Sheikh' and his driver for perverting the course of justice surrounding the 2013 failed prosecution of popstar Tulisa Contostavlos.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3819690/Fake-Sheikh-Mazher-Mahmood-guilty-Tulisa-cocaine-sting-trial.html>