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Until approximately 1989 his practice was a 50/50 split between civil and crime. The vast majority of his civil practice involved issues of health and safety, negligence and personal injury. However, he now practice solely at the Criminal Bar.

Donal is on the Category 4 list of the Crown Prosecution Service, who has briefed him in a number of complex fraud cases as well as an unusual case of murder committed by one impatient upon another at Ashworth High Security Hospital.

SOME NOTABLE CASES

R v Woodward (2000): He represented the mother of Louise Woodward in relation to an alleged fraud on a Trust Fund established following the arrest of Louise for the murder of a child in her care whilst working in the United States.

R v Awan (2001 - 2002): Following almost 12 months of legal argument these proceedings were stayed as an abuse of process. The case involved the London City Bond and an alleged evasion of duty running to in excess of £25 million.

R v Knutsen (2005 - 2007): This case involved a conspiracy to defraud the Norwich Union Insurance Group. This was a VHCC contracted case.

R v Singh Heyer (Operation Capri 3) (2004 - 2006): This case involved a mobile telephone MTIC 'Carousel Fraud.' This case was, as the name of the operation suggests, linked to several other major MTIC cases.

R v Shipley (Operation Emersed) (2005 - ongoing): This case involves a mobile telephone MTIC 'Carousel Fraud.' The trial lasted for 7½ months. The confiscation proceedings are listed for hearing in January 2009.

R v Fitzsimmons (Operation Jawbones) (2003 - 2004): Defending the Managing Director of one of the largest independent fuel suppliers in the country who was charged with evading the duty chargeable on DERV. This case centered on issues of corporate liability as well as an understanding of some highly technical aspects of the petroleum supply industry.

R v Rooney (2002 - 2004): A fraud involving the installation of a major computer system for the NHS.

R v Farrell (2005 - 2006): Defending the alleged ringleader of a major fuel laundering gang operating throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland.

R v Campbell (Operation Joyless) (2004 - 2005): A 'red' and 'green' diesel fuel fraud.

R v Parkes (Operation Finn) (2002 - 2003): A 'red' diesel fuel fraud involving the supply of millions of gallons of rebated gas oil and kerosene throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland.

R v Bacon (2005): This case involved the alleged blackmail of the agent of the England and Manchester United soccer player Wayne Rooney.

R v Lennon (Operation Abraid) (2006 - ongoing): The defendant who is a qualified accountant in the Republic of Ireland and a major property investor is charged with conspiracy to money launder.

R v Patel (Aleef Garages) (2006 - 2007): The defendant was charged with a large scale, long-term conspiracy to cheat the Revenue.

R v Hibbs-Turner (Operation Undercoat) (2006 - 2008): The Defendant was the alleged ringleader of an international drug smuggling operation.

R v Bell (Operation Gemini) (2006 - 2008): The defendant was charged with conspiracy to money launder in the largest ever operation mounted by the West Mercia Police Force.

R v Lennon (2007 - ongoing): A 'red' and 'green' diesel fuel fraud.

R v Goddard (2008 - ongoing): The defendant is a chartered accountant / management consultant / company director who is charged with conspiring to cheat the Revenue of Corporation Tax over a six year period in respect of a company that managed hundreds of service companies.

R v Toor (2008 - ongoing): The defendant is charged with conspiracy to defraud. The case involves Individual Learning Accounts and is due to be tried sometime in 2009.

R v Kelly (Operation Savanna) (2008 - ongoing): A fuel fraud case involving 'red' diesel, 'green' diesel, diesel imported from Poland and Germany and thefts direct from the pipeline of the British Pipeline Authority at the Coryton Refinery in Essex.

R v Barton (2005): Junior counsel representing one of two men charged with the racially aggravated murder of Anthony Walker.