



# Elizabeth Lambert

YEAR OF CALL: 2001



Elizabeth Lambert is an experienced criminal defence advocate who has appeared in many high-profile cases over the years. She is a determined fighter who acts fearlessly in defence of her clients.

Her practice covers complex fraud cases, murder, Health and Safety Executive (HSE) manslaughter, sexual offences, money laundering, cybercrime, firearms and drug trafficking.

She is a hardworking advocate devoted to her practice, and is popular with clients and solicitors alike. She is known for her friendly and approachable manner, client care and skilled cross-examination.

'She defends in organised crime cases.'

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## CRIMINAL DEFENCE

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Elizabeth is an experienced and skilled criminal defence barrister. She is regularly instructed in a wide range of serious and complex cases such as those which involve murder, manslaughter, cybercrime and complex fraud.

Homicide/Murder

### ***R v M – Murder***

The deceased's body was found by the A3 roadside in Guildford. This case involved the use of a vast number of expert witnesses from various disciplines, such as pathology, body fluid and telephone experts. A very large amount of CCTV material had to be reviewed by the defence at trial, to ensure that the defendant received a fair trial.

### ***R v K – Multi-handed murder***

The case involved a revenge attack between rival 'gangs' involving the use of swords. The case involved the review of extensive amounts of evidence, such as CCTV, cell site evidence and telephone evidence. Elizabeth was the led junior representing the seventh defendant. After a two-month trial, Elizabeth's defendant was the only defendant acquitted.

### ***R v RR – Central Criminal Court***

HSE manslaughter case. Instructed as led-junior. The defendant was accused of gross-negligence manslaughter after leaving a building site he was supervising for a break. During that break, a large panel fell on one of the builders, killing him instantly. After legal argument at trial, the Crown accepted a plea to a breach of HSA offence.

Sexual offences

### ***R v P - Historic sexual offences***

This was a complex case involving allegations, which related to offences which took place nearly 40 years ago. A large number of legal issues were raised during the trial, such as doli incapax, hearsay and bad character. After a trial involving extensive legal arguments and cross-examination of witnesses, the defendant was acquitted.

### ***R v S***

Represented a dancer accused of serial rape. After meticulous examination of the evidence, including the very important disclosure, Elizabeth uncovered evidence which changed the direction of the trial. After careful cross-examination of vulnerable witnesses, Elizabeth secured the acquittal of her client.

Cybercrime

### ***R v Q***

Computer Misuse Act offences. Represented a computer hacker who was part of a larger team of international cybercriminals. The defendant was accused of offences under the Computer Misuse Act and blackmail.

Firearms

### ***R v D***

The defendant was accused of importing a large number of firearms and Class A drugs into the UK. The case involved the examination of EncroChat evidence and cell site material. The case involved the use of an intermediary, and skilled cross-examination of firearms experts and psychologists.

### ***R v A***

The defendant was accused of being involved in a revenge attack in possession of a sawn-off shotgun. This trial lasted three months. It involved the examination of telephone evidence and cell site data. Legal argument took place relating to the admissibility of the so-called 'gangs matrix' material which existed at the time.

## **FRAUD/ MONEY LAUNDERING**

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Elizabeth is frequently instructed in large-scale complex fraud cases. She can master vast amounts of data and has meticulous eye for detail when identifying important issues in the case.

### ***R v D (2023)***

Money laundering. Represented a defendant accused of laundering vast sums of money through a plethora of

property companies. Following a three-week trial the defendant was acquitted.

### ***R v A***

International revenue fraud which lasted four months. Conspiracy to defraud the HMRC. Acting as leading junior, representing a man involved in an international tobacco smuggling organised crime group.

### ***R v B***

The case involved a Barclays Bank employee who was accused of being at the centre of a large-scale multi-million national fraud. The case involved analysing a vast amount of computer data.

### ***R v E***

Conspiracy to Defraud the DWP and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). Acting as leading counsel. Defendant was accused of being the centre of two national complex frauds, valued at £1.7 million. The evidence required specialist analysis of audit trails and computer evidence.

## **BACKGROUND**

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Outside of work, Elizabeth enjoys running, yoga, and travelling. She speaks conversational French.

## **REPORTED CASES**

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Represented the second defendant in *R v AB, CD, EF* [2017] EWCA Crim 534. In that case, the CA ruled that it was not in the public interest for a local authority to offer a national prosecutions unit as an alternative to the CPS.

## **EDUCATION**

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Inns of Court School of Law - BVC (2000)

Kingston University - LLB Law

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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**Criminal Bar Association**

**Human Rights Lawyers Association**

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