

# David Hughes

Junior Counsel - Above 15 Years

CALLED 1980



**A widely experienced leading junior, specialising in the defence of serious crime. Recently instructed on substantial cases of murder, serious fraud, serious sexual offences, importation and supply of drugs, computer fraud, terrorism and confiscation.**

## **Background and Expertise**

In the past year he has been involved in cases with substantial matters of law, in relation to witness anonymity, anonymous hearsay, special measures, vulnerable defendants, co-operation agreements under the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, and the human rights implications of the funding levels in confiscation proceedings.

He also has extensive experience of health and safety, food safety, environment, trade description and director disqualification proceedings.

In recent times he has acquired a detailed knowledge and expertise, on behalf of both prosecution and defence, in relation to computer fraud (at common law, under the Fraud Act 2006 and the Computer Misuse Act 1990) including phishing, vishing, pharming, the use of

Trojans (i.e. keystroke loggers) and other malware including SpyEye and Zeus programmes.

In addition, he has extensive experience of related money laundering offences and confiscation proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, including the obtaining and use of financial evidence from foreign jurisdictions.

## Achievements

### Appointments

- CPS Panel (Grade 4)
- CPS Fraud Panel (Grade 4)