

GARETH EDWARD JONES

YEAR OF CALL

2002 (England & Wales); 2011 (Scotland)

EDUCATION

University of Wales, Cardiff

- Bar Vocational Course: Very Competent
- Campbell Turner Prize (2002): Awarded for gaining one of the highest marks in the country for advocacy on the Bar Vocational Course

University of Wales, Aberystwyth

- LLB Law with Spanish
- During 3rd Year studied law at the University of Salamanca, Spain

AREAS OF PRACTICE

All aspects of Criminal Law including Regulatory Crime

Immigration and Asylum Law

Social Security Law

COURTS/TRIBUNAL EXPERIENCE

Has a wealth of experience in dealing with criminal cases at all stages including undertaking trials in Crown Courts throughout the North of England and in the High Court of Justiciary, Scotland, both as junior acting alone and as led junior.

Has also frequently appeared as junior acting alone in the Court of Appeal, London and in the Appeal Court, Scotland.

In 2014 was appointed a First Tier Tribunal Judge of both the Social Entitlement Chamber for Scotland and the Immigration and Asylum Chamber [UK wide appointment].

SELECTED CASES

- HMA v C G 2015) – appeared as junior acting alone for the accused who was charged with rape. The case was prosecuted on the basis that the complainer’s ‘free agreement’ was overcome as a result of threats made by the accused that he would publish indecent images of her on the Internet. First prosecution of its kind in Scotland.
- HMA v Philip Wade & 3 others (2014) – a trial lasting over 3 months involving the torture and murder of a young woman from the Glasgow area whose body was never recovered. Appeared as junior defence counsel.
- R v Imran Khan & 9 Others (2008/2009) – a trial lasting 2 months involving a multi-handed conspiracy to evade duty on the importation of millions of pounds worth of tobacco. Appeared as defence counsel for one of 9 accused.
- R v Wayne Cook (2007) – a trial involving an accused affiliated to the Scottish National Liberation Army (SNLA) charged with sending noxious substances through the post to a prominent political figure. Appeared as defence counsel.
- R v Connor and Others (2006) - a trial involving the murder by arson attack of a schoolgirl’s parents by another family who took exception to complaints being made against their daughter that she was involved in bullying at school. Appeared as 2nd junior for the Crown.

APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

Appointed First Tier Tribunal Judge Social Entitlement Chamber [Scotland] 2014-Present

Appointed First Tier Tribunal Judge Immigration and Asylum Chamber [UK wide appointment] 2014-Present

Member of Middle Temple, London

Member of the Bar of England & Wales

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Fluent in Spanish having completed a year studying law at the University of Salamanca, Spain.