

WESTGATE CHAMBERS

Tayo Adebayo

Barrister



"Tayo is well regarded for his handling of complex trials"

Tayo's practice sees him travel all over the UK, dealing with the most serious criminal allegations. He also has significant experience in the Court of Appeal.

Tayo's specialism is cases involving Organised Crime Groups, particularly where drugs, firearms, and sexual offences are involved or where there are financial aspects such as fraud or money laundering.

Within the field of drugs offences, Tayo has worked on very high profile cases involving the supply, distribution and even smuggling of Class A drugs into prisons.

More recently Tayo has also been instructed to defend clients accused of serious crimes as a result of the Encrochat hack.

Achievements, appointments and memberships

- Degree in Classics
- Diploma in Law
- Criminal Bar Association
- Vulnerable Witness Trained

Year of Call: 1989

Core Practice Areas:

Crime, Fraud, Firearms Offences,
Organised Crime, Serious Crime,
Sexual Offences

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Criminal barrister Tayo Adebayo's most notable cases include:

EncroChat Cases: **R v Winsor** (2021), Preston CC, **R v Gibbons** (2021) Cardiff CC, **R v Kenny** (2021) Bolton CC and **R v McNally** (2022) Reading CC.

R v Nunes (2019) Leading junior for the first defendant who was charged with supplying cocaine. It was alleged that his drugs business was the main supply of cocaine in the town of Newport, Wales.

R v Noye (& others) Guildford Crown Court defendants on a 34 count Indictment of multiple rapes and assault by penetration. One victim. Offences took place over a weekend.

R v Bridger (2017) Leading junior for the first defendant who was a prison officer charged with conspiracy to supply List A, B and C prohibited articles including class A drugs into the prison he worked at.

R v Edwards (& others) 2 months and three months trials in 2016 and 2017 (retrial). Leading Junior. Conspiracy to supply multiple kilos of Cocaine from Liverpool to Brighton. I represented the banker. Stored cash, firearms and drugs in a safe in his flat.

R v Shoebridge Money laundering 5 week trial, 7 defendants. Fraud involved targeting vulnerable and elderly victims.

R v Bridger (& others) Leading junior. Conspiracy to smuggle class A drugs, spice, alcohol, mobile phones into Lewes prison. I represented the main defendant who was a serving prison officer. Trial lasted two months.

R v Rattray Rape step daughter who was between 5 and 15 and possession of child pornography.

R v Dusek Child cruelty, Portsmouth CC. The Victim was 11 year old step son. I represented the stepfather. Co-defendant was mother by birth. Two week trial. Allegations that over two year period daily abuse involving been locked in bedroom for between 2 and 8 hours, made to kneel on screws, burnt ankle with a lighter, writing lines for up to 4 hours a day, lack of clothing.

R v Zimmel (& others) Leading Counsel for the Crown. 14 week 8 handed conspiracy to defraud at Southwark Crown Court.

R v Humphrey (& others) Led junior in Customs & Excise prosecution. 2 month conspiracy to import endangered species at Isleworth Crown Court

R v Wilkinson (& others) Conspiracy to endanger life which arose out of a neighbour dispute at Chelmsford Crown Court

R v Stretch & Puttock Led junior in Murder trial at the Central Criminal Court which went to 3 trials.