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## Kevin Seal

Called: 1998

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### Practice Overview

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Kevin Seal is a very experienced barrister specialising in criminal law with an exclusively defence based practice. Kevin has a particular specialism in defending clients accused of crimes of violence, sexual offences and drug-related offences. Kevin is also experienced in defending fraud and money laundering cases.

One of Kevin's notable cases was *R v Dawson* (2007, 4 Archbold News 3), also known as Operation Panama, relating to conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. Kevin was junior counsel in the Court of Appeal stage of this case, which focussed on the issues of entrapment and public interest immunity.

Kevin has also defended in two of the most reported and notorious cases in Welsh legal history. In 2010 Kevin defended one of several police officers who had been charged with perjury/perverting the course of justice following the original 'Lynette White' murder trial. In 2013, he defended in the case of *R -v- Ben Hope*, which involved the defendant and his co-defendant being engaged to carry out a professional 'hit' on a rival drugs supplier. The defendants sadly murdered the wrong person. Kevin was not only Junior Counsel in this case, but also represented the defendant on his own in the Court of Appeal (2014). Both of these cases received national publicity.

Kevin enjoys either watching or participating in many sporting activities; including Rugby, Boxing and Golf. He is Chairman of Penarth Amateur Boxing Club and encourages as many young people as possible to join.

#### Notable and Reported cases

### Education

Kevin Seal is a very experienced barrister practising at the criminal bar. Kevin graduated from Manchester University in 1984 with a LL.B degree and for some years was a solicitor at Clarke and Hartland. Kevin subsequently undertook the Bar Vocational Course and was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1998.

### Memberships

Kevin is a member of the Wales and Chester Circuit and the Criminal Bar Association.

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