



## Ian Speed

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## Introduction

Ian came to the Bar having retired as a Senior Detective Officer.

In his approach to all cases, he relies upon his investigative skills to probe existing evidence, identify other lines of inquiries and examine admissibility issues.

He has an extensive knowledge of intelligence led investigations / prosecutions, based upon both overt and covert sources of information.

Ian is a Home Office approved lecturer, assisting with detective training courses focusing on evidence gathering, presentation and disclosure together with the actual giving of evidence by officers.

He possesses an endearing character, which immediately establishes trust and confidence by both professional and lay clients upon which he builds. He encourages a team approach involving those respective clients and himself with a view of a satisfactory conclusion to all concerned.

Speedie, as he is known, provides a 'hands on platinum service' to all clients.

### **Memberships:**

British Association for Shooting and Conservation

## Inquests & Coronial

As a senior and deputy senior investigating officer in a number of deaths by various causes, murder, road traffic or accident based, it was Ian's role to secure evidence on behalf of the Coroner and present the same at subsequent inquest hearings.

## Organised Crime and Terrorism

Ian has an operational knowledge of both overt and covert methods of obtaining intelligence and evidence. In his former role he was responsible for the planning of such operations, together with the acquisition of authorisation, rendering all intelligence and evidence gained from such sources admissible.

## Serious Sexual Offences

By the cross examination of victims in historic rape and abuse cases based on minute examination of detail, Ian has secured the acquittal of three defendants by unanimous verdicts.

## Licensing

Ian is the holder of both shotgun and firearms certificates and enjoys both game and simulated target shooting. He is also a life member of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation.

He utilises his enthusiasm for the sport to represent others whose applications and renewals for such certificates may be challenged.

## Disciplinary Tribunals & Professional Regulation

It is no surprise that as a former police officer and having served in what is now referred to as the Professional Standards Department, Ian is more than equipped to represent the rights of serving officers.

To this end, he has successfully represented three officers concerning disciplinary matters and was counsel representing Detective Constable Tobin who was dismissed from the West Midlands Police Force following an off duty positive breath test, but late reinstated on appeal, which is now regarded as the leading case in such matters.

## Restraint and Confiscation

Ian regularly prosecutes for the Serious Crime Agency in confiscation matters under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

## Trading Standards, Consumer Protection & Food Safety

Ian regularly prosecutes for Coventry City Council in Trading Standards Matters.