

Prof Peter French: Summary Curriculum Vitae

Principal Current Positions & Offices:

Chairman of JP French Associates Forensic Speech & Acoustics Laboratory, York
Professor of Forensic Speech Science, Dept of Language & Linguistic Science, Univ of York
Chairman of UK Home Office Regulator's group on Forensic Speech and Audio Analysis.
President of The International Association for Forensic Phonetics and Acoustics
Editor (Phonetics & Acoustics) *International Journal of Speech, Language & the Law*

Previous Positions:

Visiting Professor, Dept of Language & Linguistic Science, Univ of York 2006 – 2007
Lecturer then Senior Lecturer in Language Studies, St John's College York (now York St John University) 1980 – 1989
Research Assistant on *Language at Home and at School* project, Dept of Education, University of Bristol 1977 – 1980
Phonetic Fieldworker *Atlas Linguarum Europae*, Dept of English Language, Folklore and Cultural Tradition, University of Sheffield 1976 - 1978

Qualifications:

PhD Analysis of recorded conversation, Univ Bristol, 1982
BLing (Distinction) Linguistics with Phonetics, Univ Manchester, 1977
International Phonetic Association Certificate in English Phonetics, 1977
BEd (Hons) English & Education, Univ Leeds 1976
Cert Ed (Distinction) English & Education, Univ Leeds 1975

Fellowships:

Fellow of the Institute of Acoustics
Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts
Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine
Fellow of the International Society for Phonetic Sciences

Memberships:

Founder Member of International Association for Forensic Phonetics & Acoustics
Member of the International Association of Forensic Linguists
Member of the International Phonetic Association
Member of British Association of Academic Phoneticians
Member of Bayes and the Law Group (Queen Mary, University of London)

Association/Public/Professional Offices:

President of The International Association for Forensic Phonetics & Acoustics 2006 – pres
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics – Government initiative) Ambassador 2010 - pres
Member of Court of University of York 2010 – pres
UK Secretary of the International Society for Phonetic Sciences 1999 – pres
Chairman of International Association for Forensic Phonetics & Acoustics 1991 – 2006
Lead Assessor for subject specialties Forensic Speech and Audio Analysis, Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners 2008 – closure of CRFP in 2009

Research Supervision/Advisory:

a) Dept of Language & Linguistic Science, University of York
2007 - present - MSc dissertations supervised annually
2008 - present - Supervision of 6 PhD students
2008 - present - Thesis advisory panel (TAP) member for 4 PhD students
2012 - present - TAP member for 1 MRes student

b) Dept of Linguistics, Rice University, Houston, Texas
2008 - 2011 - TAP member for 1 PhD student

Recent PhD Examining Appointments:

2012

Internal: Richard Rhodes, University of York

2013

External and panel chair: Núria Gavaldà Ferré, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

2014

Internal: Natalie Fecher, University of York

External: Yvonne Flory, University of Cambridge

Internal: Vincent Hughes, University of York

Current/Recent Research Grants:

£5,000 award from Department of Language and Linguistic Science, University of York for project entitled 'Levelling and Diffusion in the North East of England: A Geographical Survey' with Dr Carmen Llamas and Lisa Roberts.

428,832.00 Euros award under the Marie Curie European Initial Training Network Scheme to research Bayesian Biometrics For Forensics (Language & Speech Element) with Prof Paul Foulkes, Dr Dominic Watt and Philip Harrison.

£9,848 award from British Academy/Leverhulme Trust for project entitled 'Modelling Features for Forensic Speech Comparison' with Prof Paul Foulkes, Erica Gold, Vince Hughes, Philip Harrison, Louisa Stevens, Prof Colin Aitken (Univ of Edinburgh) and Dr Tereza Neocleous (Univ of Glasgow).

£892,000 from the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) for project entitled 'Voice and Identity: Source, Filter, Biometric' with Prof Paul Foulkes, Dr Philip Harrison and Vincent Hughes. The project will investigate the performance of a range of methods used in forensic speaker comparison.

Editorial Responsibilities

Editor (Phonetics & Acoustics) *International Journal of Speech Language & the Law*.

Scientific Advisory Panel member *Loquens: Spanish Journal of Speech Sciences*.

Advisory Board member *Babel – the Magazine about Language*.

Selected Forensic & Relevant Publications

Baldwin, J. & French, P. (1990) *Forensic Phonetics*. London: Pinter.

French, P. (1990) 'Forensic applications of phonetics'. *Terminologie & Traduction*. No.1. Commission des Communautés Européennes.

French, P. (1990) 'Analytic procedures for the determination of disputed utterances'. In H. Kniffka (ed.) *Texte zu Theorie und Praxis forensicher Linguistik*. Tübingen: Niemeyer Verlag.

Hirson, A., Howard, D.M., French, P. & Szymanski, J.E. (1993) 'A survey of fundamental frequency-estimation techniques used in forensic phonetics'. *Proceedings Institute of Acoustics*. Vol. 15 (7). Reproduced Sound 9. Liverpool: Rayross.

French, P. (1993) 'Authenticity examinations of audio recordings'. *Proceedings Institute of Acoustics*. Vol. 15 (7). Reproduced Sound 9. Liverpool: Rayross.

French, P. (1993) 'Developments in forensic speaker identification'. *Institute of Acoustics Bulletin*. Vol. 18 (5)

French, P. (1994) 'An overview of forensic phonetics with particular reference to speaker identification'. *Forensic Linguistics: The International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law*. 1(2), 197-206.

Hirson A, French P, Howard D M (1994) Speech fundamental frequency over the telephone and face-to face: some implications for forensic phonetics. In J Windsor Lewis J (ed.) *Studies in General and English Phonetics*. London: Routledge,

French, P. (1998) 'Mr Akbar's nearest ear versus the Lombard reflex: a case study in forensic phonetics'. *Forensic Linguistics*. Vol. 5 (1).

Foulkes, P. & French, P. (2001) 'Forensic phonetics and sociolinguistics'. In R. Mesthrie (ed.) *Concise Encyclopaedia of Sociolinguistics*. Amsterdam: Elsevier Press, 329-332.

French, P. & Harrison, P. (2004) 'Case Report. R -v- Ingram, C., Ingram, D. and Whittock, T. The Who Wants to be a Millionaire? Fraud Trial.' *International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law* Vol. 11 (1).

French, P. & Harrison, P. (2006) 'Investigative and evidential applications of forensic speech science'. In A. Heaton-Armstrong, E. Shepherd, G. Gudjonsson and D. Wolchover (eds.) *Witness Testimony: Psychological, Investigative and Evidential Perspectives*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

French, P., Harrison, P. & Windsor Lewis, J. (2006) 'Case Report. R -v- Humble, J.S. The Yorkshire Ripper Hoaxer Trial.' *International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law* , Vol. 13 (2).

Harrison, P. & French, P. (2007) 'Forensic speech analysis and the logically coherent expression of conclusions.' In M.T Turell, J Cicres and M.S.Spassova, (eds.) *Proceedings of the 2nd European Conference on Forensic Linguistics/Language and the Law, Barcelona, 2006*. Barcelona: Institut Universitari De Linguistica Aplicada - Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Documenta Universitaria.

French, P. (2007) 'Sound evidence: the work of the expert witness in acoustics.' *Your Witness: The Solicitor's Choice*. Autumn issue.

French, P. (2007) 'Caller on the line: an illustrated introduction to the work of a forensic speech scientist.' *Journal of the Medico-Legal Society*, Vol. 75 (3).

French, P. & Harrison, P. (2007) 'Position statement concerning use of impressionistic likelihood terms in forensic speaker comparison cases.' *International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law* Vol. 14 (1).

French, P., Nolan, F., Foulkes, P., Harrison, P., McDougall, K. (2010) 'The UK position statement on forensic speaker comparison: a rejoinder to Rose and Morrison'. *International Journal of Speech Language and the Law*, Vol. 17 (1).

Roberts, L. & French, P. (2010) 'How context affects perception: judging distress & linguistic content in forensic audio recordings'. *Proceedings of ISCA Tutorial and Research Workshop on Experimental Linguistics 2010, Athens, Greece*.

Foulkes, P. & French, P. (2011) Forensic speaker comparison: the linguistic-acoustic perspective. In L. Solan & P. Tiersma (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Language and Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Gold, E. & French, P. (2011) An international investigation of forensic speaker comparison practices. In *Proceedings of the 17th ICPhS, Hong Kong*.

Llamas, C., Watt, D., French, P. & Roberts, L. (2011) Effects of the Scottish Vowel Length Rule on Vowel Quantity in Tyneside English. In *Proceedings of the 17th ICPHS, Hong Kong*.
Gold, E. & French, P. (2011) International practices in forensic speaker comparison. *International Journal of Speech Language and the Law*, Vol 18 (2).

Llamas, C., Watt, D., French, P., and Roberts, L. (2011). Effects of the Scottish Vowel Length Rule on Tyneside English. *Proceedings of the 17th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Hong Kong*, August, pp. 1282-1285

Foulkes, P. & French, P. (2012) Forensic speaker comparison: the linguistic-acoustic perspective. In L. Solan & P. Tiersma (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Language and Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

French, P. & Stevens, L. (2012) 'Anything you say may be given in evidence ...' *Babel: The Language Magazine*, Number 1, October, 2012.

French, P. & Stevens, L. (2013) Forensic speech science. Chapter Twelve of M. Jones & R. Knight (eds.) *Bloomsbury Companion to Phonetics*. London: Continuum.

French, P. (2013) 'Lives in Language: Stanley Ellis, dialectologist and forensic phonetician.' *Babel: The Language Magazine*, Number 2, February.

Gold, E., French, P. and Harrison, P. (2013) 'Clicking Behavior as a Possible Speaker Discriminant in English' Forthcoming invited contribution to A. Simpson (ed) special issue on non-pulmonic sounds of *Journal of the International Phonetics Association* Vol 43 (1)

Conference and other presentations (selection from 2007 – 2013)

2014

French, P., Foulkes, P., Hughes, V., Gold, E. and Harrison, P. (2014) Comparison of likelihood ratios based on MVKD and GMM-UBM. Second International Expert Workshop of the 2011 Monopoly project *Methodological guidelines for semi-automatic and automatic speaker recognition for case assessment and interpretation*, Wiesbaden, Germany, 18th -19th November, 2014 [invited]

French, P. (2014) Automatic speaker recognition systems: establishing a realistic target. Speaker Identification Integrated Project Meeting. Interpol Headquarters, Lyon, France. 20th – 21st October, 2014 [invited]

Gold, E. and French, P. (2014) An exercise in calculating numerical likelihood ratios and the practicalities of their implementation. IAFPA conference, Zurich, 31st August – 3rd September, 2014.

Hughes, V., Gold, E., Foulkes, P., French, P., Harrison, P., Stevens, L., Aitken C. and Neocleous, T. Modelling features for forensic speaker comparison. IAFPA conference, Zurich, 31st August – 3rd September, 2014.

Neocleous, T., Aitken C., Foulkes, P., French, P., Gold, E., Harrison, P., Hughes, V Stevens, L. Evidence evaluation for forensic voice comparison. International Conference on Forensic Inference and Statistics. Leiden University, the Netherlands, August 19th - 22nd, 2014.

Gold, E. and French, P. (2014) Forensic speaker comparisons: man versus machine. BAAP 2014 Colloquium, University of Oxford. 7th - 9th April 2014.

French, P. (2014) Automatic speaker recognition systems: what can we do to help them? Department of Linguistics, University of Cambridge, 4th March 2014 [invited]

2013

French, P. (2013) Speaker Identification: Problems with Establishing a Fixed Biometric. Café Scientifique, Leeds, 10 December 2013 [invited]

French, P. (2013) Forensic Speaker Comparison: Man and Machine. Eighth International Conference on Speech Research, University of Zagreb, Croatia, 5 – 7 December. 2013 [invited]

Devlin, T., French, P. & Llamas, C. (2013) The effect of conversational topic on variation in County Durham English. UKLVC9 (Ninth Conference of UK Language Variation and Change, University of Sheffield, August 2013.

King, J., Foulkes, P., French, P. & Hughes, V. (2013) Hesitation markers as a parameter for forensic speaker comparison. IAFPA conference, Tampa, Florida, USA, August 2013.

Gold, E. & French, P. (2013) Commonly used forensic speaker comparison parameters: Expectations, misconceptions and empirical findings. IAFPA conference, Tampa, Florida, USA, August 2013.

French, P. (2013) Forensic Speech Science: Current Practices and Illustrative Cases. Department of English, University of Huddersfield [invited]

French, P., Harrison, P., Foulkes, P., Stevens, L. & Gold, E. (2013) A comparison of Batvox and other vocal output measures for speaker comparison. Agnitio User Club, The Hague, Netherlands, 14 -15 March 2013

French, P. & Harrison, P (2013) Regulation of Forensic Speech and Audio Analysis, Home Office Regulator's Forensic Speech and Group, London [invited]

French, P. (2013) From speech lab to witness box. Department of English Language and Linguistics, University of Western England [invited]

2012

French, P & Foulkes, P. (2012) The quest for a biometric identifier: why the voice is different. Frontiers in Forensic Science' public lecture series, University of York, UK [invited]

Foulkes, P. & French, P. (2012) Individual speaker characterisation: the voice as a biometric. Forensic Evidence and Silent Marks in 2020, Estonian Forensic Science Institute, Tallinn, Estonia. [invited]

French, P. (2012) Forensic speech analysis: its role in investigations and trials. ID Law seminar, London, UK [invited]

French, P & Foulkes, P. (2012) Individual speaker characterisation: empirical and theoretical research at the University of York, Home Office Biometrics Working Group, Meeting no. 58, London, UK [invited]

French, P., Foulkes, P., Harrison, P. & Stevens, L. (2012) Vocal Tract Output Measures: Relative Efficacy, Interrelationships and Limitations. IAFPA conference, Santander, Spain

French, P., Llamas, C., Watt, D. & Roberts, L. (2012) Tyneside open schwa: phonological and acoustic aspects. BAAP conference, Leeds, United Kingdom

Stevens, L. & French, P (2012) Voice quality in studio quality and telephone transmitted recordings. BAAP conference, Leeds, United Kingdom

Stevens, L. & French, P. (2012) Voice Quality in Standard Southern British English: distribution of features, inter-speaker variability and the effect of telephone transmission. IAFPA conference, Santander, Spain

2011

French, P. (2011) Expert evidence in court - developments and changes in the UK position. IAFPA conference, Vienna, Austria [invited]

French, P & Harrison, P. (2011) Using Batvox for forensic speech analysis casework. BBfor2 summer school in forensic speech analysis, University of York, UK [invited]

Gold, E. & French, P. (2011) An international investigation of forensic speaker comparison practices. 17th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Hong Kong

Harrison, P. & French, P. (2011) Phonetic-acoustic approach to forensic speaker comparison. Forensic Speaker Recognition Symposium, University of Colorado, Denver, USA [invited]

Harrison, P. & French, P. (2011) Batvox evaluation for UK casework & admissibility of speaker comparison evidence, Forensic Speaker Recognition Symposium, University of Colorado, Denver, USA [invited]

Nolan, F., French, P. McDougall, K., Stevens, L. & Hudson, T. (2011) The role of voice quality 'settings' in perceived voice similarity, IAFPA conference, Vienna, Austria

2010

French, P. (2010) Turning findings into conclusions: issues for forensic speech science. York Interdisciplinary Forensic Symposium, University of York [invited]

French, P. and Harrison, P. (2010) The work of forensic speech and audio analysts. AES Convention no.128, London, UK [invited]

Gold, E. and French, P. (2010) Calculating likelihood ratios in forensic speaker comparison cases. IAFPA conference, Trier, Germany

Roberts, L. & French, P. (2010) How context affects perception; judging distress and linguistic content in forensic audio recordings. ExLing 2010, ISCA workshop, Athens, Greece

Llamas, C., French, P. & Roberts, L. Phonological and perceptual isoglosses between the Tyne and the Wear. 4th Northern Englishes Workshop, University of Sheffield, UK, April

Roberts, L., French, P. & Harrison, P. (2010) The influence of context on listeners' perceptions of distress and linguistic content in forensic audio recordings. BAAP conference, London, United Kingdom

2009

French, P., Harrison, P., Cawley, L., Bhagdin, A. & Clermont, F. (2009) Evaluation of the Batvox automatic speaker recognition system for use in UK based forensic speaker comparison casework. IAFPA conference, University of Cambridge

French, P. (2009) Dark tales from a forensic phonetician's casebook. Open lecture, Centre for Languages and Linguistics, York St John University, York, UK [invited]

2008

Clermont, F., French, P., Harrison, P. & Simpson, S. (2008) Population data for English spoken in England: a modest first step. IAFPA conference, Lausanne, Switzerland

French, P. (2008) Voices and identity in court. DyViS Project, Voices and Identity Workshop for legal professionals, University of Cambridge [invited]

2007

French, P (2007) Forensic speaker comparisons: a phonetic perspective. Specom, Moscow [invited]

French, P (2007) Sound evidence: the work of a forensic speech scientist. Medico-Legal Society, London [invited]

French, P. (2007) Sounds evidential: an overview of practice in forensic phonetics. University College Dublin [invited]

Casework:

Prof French has been involved in more than 5,000 cases and in criminal matters he accepts instructions from both prosecution and defence. Some high profile and international cases in which he has acted are:

R = Report

WB = Witness Box

R -v- Mark Rothermerl & Pierre St Ange. First case in the UK where forensic linguistic evidence concerning authorship of a written document was given. Trial for murder. Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, London, 1989. Instructed by the Defence for St Ange. R & WB

Irish Free State -v- Vincent Connell. Trial for murder. Central Criminal Court, Dublin, 1991. Instructed by Director of Public Prosecutions, Dublin. R

R -v- [Name withheld at request of defendant]. Trial for first degree murder. Ontario Provincial Court, Toronto, Canada, November 1993. Instructed by the Defence. R & WB

R -v- David Harold Eastman. Murder of Assistant Commissioner of Australian Federal Police. Supreme Court, Canberra, 1995. Instructed by Director of Public Prosecutions, Australian Capital Territory. R & WB

See: <http://judgments.fedcourt.gov.au/1997/FD008390.htm>

R -v- Ransford Nedrick. Appeal against conviction for murder, Court of Criminal Appeal, London, August, 1996. Instructed by the Crown. R

State of Mauritius -v- Sir Bhinood Bacha (Home Secretary of Mauritius). Trial for Murder, Supreme Court of Mauritius, Port Luis, 1996. Instructed by the Defence. R & WB

R -v- Louis Brancato & Antonio Barcelo. Trial for possession of controlled drug with intent to supply. Supreme Court of Gibraltar, May 1998. Instructed by the Defence for Barcelo. R & WB

R -v- Derek Bentley. Posthumous appeal against conviction, Court of Criminal Appeal, London, August, 1998. Instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service. R

R -v- Nabil Mrish. Trial for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. District Court, Sydney Australia, May 1999. Instructed by Director of Public Prosecutions, Sydney. R & WB

R -v- Iain Hay-Gordon – appeal against conviction, Court of Criminal Appeal, Belfast, October 2000. Instructed by Director of Public Prosecutions, Northern Ireland. R

See: http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/0CA9F5DF-7795-47F3-B27E-8DFF91ACDD57/0/j_j_CAR3298.htm

R -v- Michael Stone. “Russell murders” trial. Nottingham Crown Court, 2001. Instructed by the Defence. R

United Nations -v- General Radislav Krstic. Trial for Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and Violations of the Laws or Customs of War. The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague, 2001. Instructed by the United Nations. R & WB

See: <http://www.un.org/icty/transe33/010319ed.htm>

Irish Free State -v- Colm Murphy. “Omagh bombing” conspiracy trial, Special Criminal Court, Dublin, 2001 - 2002. Instructed by the Defence. R & WB

See: <http://homepage.tinet.ie/~eirenuu/2001/dec01/saoirse1.htm>

R -v- Woogate, Bowyer, Clifford, Duberry & Ors. The Leeds United footballers trial for racial assault. Hull Crown Court, 2001. Instructed by the Crown. R

R -v- Anthony O’Doherty. Appeal against conviction for aggravated burglary and causing GBH with intent. Northern Ireland Court of Criminal Appeal, Belfast, 2002. Instructed by Director of Public Prosecutions, Belfast. R & WB

R -v- Ingram, Whittock and Ingram. The ‘Who Wants to be a Millionaire?’ coughing trial. Southwark Crown Court, London, March & April, 2003. Instructed by the Crown. R & WB

See: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/2858649.stm>

R -v- Ian Huntley & Maxine Carr. The Soham murder trial. Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, London. November & December, 2003. Instructed by the Defence for Ms Carr. R

Investigation of ‘Melnychenko Recordings’. Appointed to international group of experts investigating authenticity of audio recordings allegedly implicating President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine in the murder of journalist Georgiy Gongadze and in sale of high technology radar systems to Iraq in violation of UN sanctions. May 2004. Instructed by Ministry of Justice, Kyiv, Ukraine. R

United Nations -v- Slobodan Milošević. Trial for Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and Violations of the Laws or Customs of War, The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague. 2003 - 2006. Instructed on behalf of Tribunal Judges (ie, independent of prosecution and defence). R

See: <http://www.un.org/icty/milosevic/trialc/decision-e/040614.htm>

R -v- Nathan Martin, Marcus Ellis, Michael Gregory, Rodrigo Simms & Tarfarwa Beckford. Trial for the shooting and murder of Charlene Ellis and Letisha Shakespeare in Birmingham, January 2003. Leicester Crown Court, November 2004 – March 2005. Instructed by the Defence for Beckford. R
See: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/west_midlands/4276207.stm

R -v- David Francis Bieber. Trial for the murder of PC Ian Broadhurst and the attempted murder of PCs Neil Roper and James Banks, in Leeds, 26th December 2003. Newcastle-Upon-Tyne Crown Court, November – December 2004. Instructed by the Crown. R & WB
See: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/west_yorkshire/4039057.stm

Sarah Forsyth -v- Eton College. The Prince Harry A-level Art tape. Employment Tribunal Hearing, Reading, Berks. Judgment July 2005. Instructed for the claimant. R
See: <http://education.guardian.co.uk/publicschools/story/0,12505,1327985,00.html>

R -v- Abu Hamza al-Masri. Trial for soliciting murder, inciting racial hatred, possession of audio and video recordings for distribution to stir up racial hatred, possession of a document likely to be useful to a terrorist, Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, London. 2005-6. Instructed by the Crown. R
See: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/4690224.stm>

R -v- John Humble. The Yorkshire Ripper Hoaxer case. Trial for attempting to pervert the course of justice, Leeds Crown Court, March 2006. Instructed by the Crown. R
See: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-2095988,00.html>

R -v- Muzzaker Imtiaz Shah, Yusuf Abdillh Jamma, Raza Ul-Haq Aslam, Faisal Razzaq & Hassan Razzaq. Trial for murder of PC Sharon Beshenivski, Newcastle Crown Court, October – December 2006. Instructed by the Crown. R
See: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/west_yorkshire/6183431.stm

R -v- William Maurice Webb. Trial for murder of Felicity Paget. Winchester Crown Court, December 2006. Instructed by the Crown, but called as witness for the Defence. R & WB.
See: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/hampshire/6201057.stm>

The State of Ghana -v- Kwabena Amaning & Alhaji Issah Abbass Trial for conspiracy to import and supply narcotic drugs and carrying out prohibited business. High Court, Accra, November 2006 – November 2007. Instructed by the State of Ghana. R & WB
See: http://www.thestatesmanonline.com/pages/news_detail.php?newsid=3459§ion=1

R -v- Michael Hubble. The disappearance of the yacht Ouzo after alleged collision with P&O ferry the Pride of Bilbao. Trial for three counts of manslaughter and charges of endangering lives under the Merchant Shipping Act. Winchester Crown Court, December 2007. Instructed by the Defence. R
See: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/hampshire/7142272.stm>

R -v- John Fowler, Stuart Royle, Jetmir Bucpapa, Lea Rusha, Ermir Hysenaj, Roger Coutts, Louise Hogg & Keith Borer. The £53m Securitas robbery trial. Trial for conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to commit robbery, conspiracy to possess a firearm and handling stolen goods. Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, London, August 2007. Instructed by Crown. R & WB
See: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6239994.stm>

R -v- Kris Ronald Flynn and Joe Philip St John. Appeal against conviction for conspiracy to commit robbery. Court of Criminal Appeal, London, April 2008. Instructed by the Defence at first instance trial at Reading Crown Court, November - December 2006. Report used in appeal. R
See: <http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Crim/2008/970.html>

R -v- David Cullen Bain. Retrial subsequent to quashing of conviction for murder of five family members, preliminary *voir dire* hearing, High Court, Christchurch, New Zealand, November 2008. R

& WB (video link). Report used by Court of Criminal Appeal and Supreme Court of New Zealand in deciding admissibility of audio evidence March 2009.

See: http://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/cases/david-cullen-bain-v-the-queen-1/at_download/fileDecision

R -v- Sean Mercer James Yates, Nathan Quinn, Gary Kays, Melvin Coy and Boy 'M'. The Liverpool schoolboy Rhys Jones murder trial. Trial for murder, assisting an offender, possession of firearm, Liverpool Crown Court, November – December 2008. Instructed by the Crown. R & WB

See: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/politics/lawandorder/3392568/Rhys-Jones-accused-swore-at-mother-over-alibi.html>

R -v- Richard Garner. Murder of his father, Frank Garner. Trial for murder Hull Crown Court, February 2009. Instructed by the Crown. R

See: <http://www.thisishullandestrading.co.uk/news/Son-guilty-murdering-dad/article-712663-detail/article.html>

R -v- Rino Ferrigno and Tomas Savikas at Bristol Crown Court, before HH Judge Ticehurst. Trial for ‘fencing’ stolen electronic goods. Instructed by the Crown. R & WB

R -v- Peter Blake, John Twomey, Glenn Cameron and Barry Hibberd. Trial for armed robbery and firearms offences, Central Criminal Court sitting at Royal Courts of Justice, London before Mr Justice Treacy sitting without a jury, January - March 2010. Instructed by the Crown. R & WB – this evidence given for the third time, having been given previously at two abortive jury trials held at the Old Bailey.

See: http://www.judiciary.gov.uk/docs/judgments_guidance/r-v-twomey-others-judgment.pdf

The Bloody Sunday Inquiry. 1998 – 2010. Public *Inquiry* by into events in Londonderry on *Sunday*, 30th January 1972. Instructed by the Saville Commission. Rs at E23 at link below.

<http://report.bloody-sunday-inquiry.org/evidence-index/>

R -v- Shaun Beatty, Owen Skeat, Rebecca Birt and Michael Gerrard. Trial for murder, Liverpool Crown Court before Mr Justice Henriques, March 2010. Instructed by the Crown. R & WB. See:

http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/s/1202115_two_guilty_after_videoing_sadistic_murder

R -v- Azrar Khan. Trial for financial fraud. Kingston-on-Thames Crown Court before HH Judge Hopmeier. March 2010. Instructed by Crown. R & WB.

R -v- Darren Spensley, Duncan Rimmer, and Steven Smith. Manchester Crown Court, before HH Judge Blake, August 2010. Instructed by the defence for Smith. R & WB

See:

http://menmedia.co.uk/manchestereveningnews/news/crime/s/1314405_gang_who_imported_500m_of_cocaine_from_spain_to_uk_facing_jail#

R -v- Omar Suleman. Trial for multiple arson. Leicester Crown Court before HH Judge Hammond, September 2010. Instructed by the Crown. R & WB.

See: <http://www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/Son-guilty-arson-attacks-family-home/story-12087554-detail/story.html> and: <http://www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/Forensic-voice-expert-gives-evidence-trial/story-12052651-detail/story.html>

R –v- Robin Ligus. Birmingham Crown Court. Trial for multiple murder. Before Mr Justice Treacy, July 2011. Instructed by the Crown. R & WB.

See: <http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2011/06/22/ligus-knew-murder-confessions-were-recorded-court-told/> and <http://news.sky.com/home/uk-news/article/16031144>

R -v- Mohammed Chowdhury, Gurukanth Desai, Nazam Hussain, Usman Khan, Omar Latif, Abdul Miah, Mohibur Rahman , Shah Rahman and Mohammed Shahjahan. Trial for conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism and related charges. Woolwich Crown Court before Mr Justice Wilkie, February 2012. Instructed by the Crown. R. See:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2098951/Muslim-gang-planned-blow-London-Stock-Exchange-jailed-total-96-years.html>

Irish Free State -v- Ali Charaf Damache. Terrorist related trial for sending a menacing communication. Waterford District Court before HH Judge Donagh McDonagh. February 201. Instructed for the State. R. See:

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2013/0227/369875-man-pleads-guilty-to-making-menacing-phone-call/>

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Media:

Prof French has appeared widely in television and radio broadcasts on his area of expertise and was in 2002 presenter of the Sony Silver Award winning Radio 3 broadcast entitled Extraneous Noises Off, which also received the BBC nomination for Prix Italia.

Recent Media Appearances/Contributions:

BBC television's *Crime Watch* episode in 2009 in connection with the case R -v- Richard Garner - http://www.bbc.co.uk/crimewatch/solved/howtheycaught/richard_garner.shtml

BBC Radio 4's *The Call*, March 2011 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00yyg1w>

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ABC's (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) *Radio National Law Report*, September 2011 - <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/lawreport/stories/2011/3326007.htm>

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BBC Radio 4's episode on Forensic Phonetics in the *Frontiers* series, December 2012 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01p7bxw>

BBC television's regional news programme *South East Today* in relation to voice analysis in the Gary Hampson murder investigation 21st December 2012 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01pclkt>

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Security Clearance:

Current clearance - SC

Miscellaneous:

Prof French has provided in-house training seminars and practical instruction in analytic techniques to scientific and technical staff of the Metropolitan Police in London and the FBI and United States Secret Service in Washington DC. Prof French and his firm JP French Associates have also provided staff training, including work placements and shadowing opportunities to the Netherlands Forensic Institute.