

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
Visiting Professor of Forensic Speech Science, Dept of Linguistics & Modern Languages, Univ of Huddersfield
Professorial Fellow and Executive Board member, Centre for Forensic Phonetics & Acoustics, Univ of Zurich
Visiting Professor, Department of Languages and Linguistics, York St John University
President of The International Association for Forensic Phonetics and Acoustics
Editor (Phonetics & Acoustics) *International Journal of Speech, Language & the Law*

Honours:

Lifetime Achievement Award for services to forensic phonetics, Germanic Society for Forensic Linguistics, 2018
Honorary Life Membership of The International Association for Forensic Phonetics and Acoustics (only 4 other such awards made in the history of the organisation), 2016

Previous Positions:

Hon Professor, Dept of Language & Linguistic Science, Univ of York, 2007 – 2014
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

Previous Offices:

Chairman of UK Home Office Regulator's group on Forensic Speech and Audio Analysis, 2014 – 2018
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics – Government initiative) Ambassador, 2010 - 2016
Lead Assessor for subject specialties Forensic Speech and Audio Analysis, Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners, 2008 – closure of CRFP in 2009
Member of Court of University of York 2010 – 2015
Chairman of International Association for Forensic Phonetics & Acoustics 1991 – 2006

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 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)

PhD Supervision 2008 - 2019:

Supervision of 9 PhD students

Recent PhD/Post-Doctoral Examining Appointments 2012 -2019:

Internal, PhD – six times: University of York
External and panel chair, PhD: Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
External, PhD: University of Cambridge
External, Habilitation: University of Zurich

Current/Recent Research Grants:

€428,832 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 Dr Philip Harrison.

£9,848 award from British Academy/Leverhulme Trust in 2013 for project entitled ‘*Modelling Features for Forensic Speech Comparison*’ with Prof Paul Foulkes, Dr Erica Gold, Dr Vincent Hughes, Dr Philip Harrison, Louisa Stevens, Prof Colin Aitken (Univ of Edinburgh) and Dr Tereza Neocleous (Univ of Glasgow).

£892,210 from AHRC for project entitled ‘*Voice and Identity: source, filter, biometric*’ (2015-17) with Prof Paul Foulkes, Dr Philip Harrison and Dr Vincent Hughes.

£843,895 award from ESRC for project entitled ‘*The use and utility of localised speech forms in determining identity: forensic and sociophonetic perspectives*’ (2016 - 2019) with Dr Carmen Llamas and Dr Dominic Watt.

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*.
Editorial Board member *Forensic Research and Criminology, International Journal*.

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*.

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).

French, P., Foulkes, P., Harrison, P., Hughes, V., San Segundo, E. and Stevens, L. (2015) The vocal tract as a biometric: output measures, interrelationships and efficacy. In *Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. Glasgow, Scotland.

French, P. (2017) A developmental history of forensic speaker comparison in the UK. *English Phonetics 21*, pp 255 – 270

French, P. and Watt, D. (2018) Assessing impact in forensic speech science casework. Chapter 12 of Dan McIntyre and Hazel Price (eds) *Applying Linguistics: Language and the Impact Agenda*. London: Routledge.

Hughes, V., Harrison, P. T., Foulkes, P., French, P., Kavanagh, C. & San Segundo Fernandez, E. (2018). The individual and the system: Assessing the stability of the output of a semi-automatic forensic voice comparison system, *Proceedings of Interspeech 2018*.

San Segundo, E., Foulkes, P., French, P., Harrison, P., Hughes, V. & Kavanagh, C. (2018). The use of the Vocal Profile Analysis for speaker characterization: Methodological proposals. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*, 1-28.

Braun, A., Llamas, C., Watt, D., French, P. & Robertson, D. (2018) Sub-regional 'other-accent' effects on lay listeners' speaker identification abilities: a voice line-up study with speakers and listeners from the North East of England. *The International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law*, 25 (2) pp 231 - 255

French, P. & Fraser, H. (2018) Why "ad hoc experts" should not provide transcripts of indistinct forensic audio, and a proposal for a better approach. *Criminal Law Journal*, 42 (5) pp 298 – 302.

Dellwo, V., French, P. & He, L. (2019) Voice biometrics for forensic speaker recognition applications. Chapter 36 of Sascha Frühholz and Pascal Belin (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Voice Perception*. Oxford: OUP.

Foulkes, P., French, P. & Wilson, K. (2019) LADO as forensic speaker profiling. In P. Patrick, P., M. Schmid & K. Zwaan, (eds) *Language Analysis for the Determination of Origin*. Springer.

Gold, E. & French, P. (In press) International practices in forensic speaker comparisons: second survey. *The International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law*, 26 (1)

Conference and other presentations 2012 – 2019:

2019

Brown, G., Almbark, A., French, P. and Hellmuth, S. What can automatic accent recognition technology bring to language analysis in the asylum process (LAAP)? A demonstration using spoken Arabic dialect data. Workshop on Arabic and language analysis in asylum procedures. SOAS, University of London, 9th April 2019 [invited].

French, P. Forensic phonetic methods in the criminal justice system. Department of Computational Linguistics, University of Zurich, 6th March, 2019. [Invited inaugural lecture for Centre for Forensic Phonetics and Acoustics].

French, P. Forensic speech and audio analysis. York St John University, York, 31st January, 2019 [invited].

2018

French, P. Academic phoneticians and forensic speech analysts: an example of symbiosis. Talk to Linguistics Faculty, University of Stockholm, 10th October 2018 [invited].

French, P. and Kirchhübel, C. Voice quality analysis for forensics: turning linguistics on its head. Presentation to voice quality workshop, University of Stockholm, 10th October 2018 [invited].

French, P. There's no such thing as forensic phonetics. Germanic Society for Forensic Linguistics conference, University of York, 3rd August 2018 [keynote].

French, P., Harrison, P., Hughes, V., Watt, D., Llamas, C., Braun, A. and Robertson, D. Comparing apples with apples, apples with oranges and apples with apples and oranges: the effects of (mis)matching reference population accents in ASR speaker comparison. IAFPA Conference, University of Huddersfield, 30th July.

French, P. Forensic phonetics. Extended lecture and seminar, St John University, York. 2nd February, 2018 [invited].

2017

French, P. Forensic speaker comparison in 5 eyes countries. Closed FVEY Intelligence and Law enforcement Communities Workshop on Security Voice Analysis, Boston, Massachusetts, 6th December 2017 [invited].

French, P. Forensic speaker comparison: Integrating phonetic- and engineering-based approaches. Open lecture in Linguistics Speaker Series, University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, 29th November, 2017 [invited].

French, P. The forensic speech Scientist in a bubble ... with the world looking in. International Association of Forensic Linguistics Biennial Conference, University of Porto, Portugal, 12th July, 2017 [plenary].

San Segundo Fernandez, E., Hughes, V., Harrison, P., Foulkes, P., French, P., & Kavanagh, C. The complementarity of automatic, semi-automatic, and phonetic measures of vocal tract output in forensic voice comparison. International Association for Forensic Phonetics & Acoustics conference, University of Split, Croatia. 10th July, 2017.

French, P., Harrison, P., Kirchhübel, C., Rhodes, R., & Wormald, J. From receipt of recordings to dispatch of report: Opening the blinds on lab practices. International Association for Forensic Phonetics & Acoustics conference, University of Split, Croatia. 9th July, 2017.

French, P. Forensic voice analysis. Laryngology Service Group, York Hospital Ear Nose and Throat Department, 16th June 2017 [invited].

French, P. & Kirchhübel, C. The analysis of voice quality in forensic speaker comparison cases in the UK. Workshop on Using Vocal Profile Analysis (VPA) in Forensic Phonetic Casework, University of Stockholm, May 18th 2017 [invited].

French, P. Their own tongues speak against them: Phonetics in the criminal justice system. The 2017 Babel Public Lecture, University of Huddersfield, May 12th 2017 [invited].

Llamas, C., Watt, D., French, P., Braun, A. & Robertson, D. Routinised mobility and vowel change at the individual and community levels in the North East of England. The 4th International Workshop on Sound Change (WSC4), University of Edinburgh, 22nd April 2017.

Llamas, C., Watt, D., French, P., Braun, A. & Robertson, D. The effects of assimilation and host community structure in historical dialect contact contexts. Historical Sociolinguistics Network Conference, New York University, 7th April 2017.

French, P. & Kirchhübel, C. Understanding of forensic speaker comparison conclusions in the legal setting. UK Home Office Biometrics Working Group Meeting number 74, Metropolitan Police, Empress State Building, London, 1st March 2017 [invited].

2016

French, P. Forensic Speaker Comparison in the UK: present and future. National Crime Agency Voice Analytics Conference 9th November 2016, Wellington Barracks, London [invited]

French, P. Aspects of Forensic Speech Science. Forty Years of English Language and Linguistics Celebration Colloquium talk, York St John University, 26th October 2016 [invited]

Neocleous, T., Napier, G., Aitken, C., Foulkes, P., French, P., Gold, E., Harrison, P., Hughes, V. and Stevens, L. (2016) Models for forensic speaker comparison. Royal Statistical Society conference, 6th-8th September 2016, University of Manchester.

French, P., Foulkes, P., Harrison, P., Hughes, V. and San Segundo, E. Developing the vocal profile analysis scheme for forensic voice comparison. British Association of Forensic Phoneticians (BAAP) conference, 30th March – 1st April, 2016, University of Lancaster.

San Segundo, E., Foulkes, P., French, P., Hughes, V. and Köster, O. Perceptual similarity of identical twins across different L1 listeners. BAAP conference, 30th March – 1st April, 2016, University of Lancaster.

Wormald, J., French, P., Harrison, P., Kirchhübel, C., Rhodes, R. and Watt, D. Voice quality in Panjabi English: Sociophonetic and forensic considerations. BAAP conference, 30th March – 1st April, 2016, University of Lancaster.

French, P. Did HE really say THAT? Café Scientifique, Stockton, 26th May 2016 [invited].

Ross, S., French, P. and Foulkes, P. UK practitioners' estimates of the distribution of speech variants. International Association for Forensic Phonetics and Acoustics (IAFPA) conference, 24th – 27th July 2016, University of York.

San Segundo, E., Foulkes, P., French, P., Harrison, P. and Hughes, V. Voice quality analysis in forensic voice comparison: developing the vocal profile analysis scheme. IAFPA conference, 24th – 27th July 2016, University of York.

Kirchhübel, C., Bhagdin, A., French, P., Harrison, P., Rhodes, R. and Wormald, J. Understanding of forensic speaker comparison conclusions in the legal setting. IAFPA conference, 24th – 27th July 2016, University of York.

French, P. Thirty years on. IAFPA conference, 24th – 27th July 2016, University of York [invited keynote].

Watt, D., Llamas, C., French, P., Braun, A. and Robertson, D. Forensic aspects of spectral and durational variability in English schwa at the individual, community and regional levels. IAFPA conference, 24th – 27th July 2016, University of York.

French, P. Validation and accreditation of forensic speech science labs: UK considerations. IAFPA conference, 24th – 27th July 2016, University of York.

2015

Foulkes, P., French, P., Hughes, V. and Watt, D. What's Cooking? Research and Developments in Forensic Speech Science. Presentation to Colloquium, Dept of Language and Linguistic Science, University of York, 11th November 2015 [invited].

French, P (2015) The Tarnished Silver Tongue: casework and research in forensic speech science. University of Sussex, School of English, 28th October 2015. Open Lecture [invited].

French, P., Harrison, P., Kirchhübel, C. & Rhodes, R. (2015) Standards for Forensic Speaker Comparison: beware the pseudo-rigour of the fixed metric. Paper delivered to ENFSI Dissemination Conference of the 2011 Monopoly Project, Warsaw 23rd September 2015 [invited].

French, P (2015) Forensic speech science: principles and cases. Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain 2015. York St John University, 18th April 2015. Plenary presentation [invited].

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

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

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- Woodgate, 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 (i.e., 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.

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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.

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

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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

