

347.3 Theft etc.

See also: *R v Crickmore* 2014 EWCA Crim 1499 (D pleaded (full credit) to seven counts of theft and eight of fraud. From 1998 to 2010, D took £1.8 million from his clients, including £900,000 from an estate. The widow lost almost all of it. D concealed this by submitting inflated costs and making false and fraudulent letters of authority. Part used to keep D's ailing practice afloat. Part used to support lifestyle he could not afford. D was of good character and had done charitable work. He was depressed and felt shame. Held. Stiff sentences are required for such offences. **8 years** not excessive.)