



APPELLATE WORK

Amy Nicholson is experienced in handling cases at appellate level.

In Attorney General's Reference 37 of 2004 sub nom R v James Dawson, Amy Nicholson had represented the defendant at first instance in the Crown Court when he received a non-custodial sentence for serious criminal offences. The sentence was referred to the Attorney General for being unduly lenient, on the basis that the defendant should have received a lengthy custodial sentence. Amy successfully defended the case in the Court of Appeal - leave to refer the case was refused and the sentence allowed to stand. It was only the second case of its type where a non-custodial sentence in such serious circumstances had been upheld.

RECENT CASES/CURRENT CASES

R v Astall – murder, rape and serious sexual assault– junior counsel for the Prosecution.

Press: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/manchester/8074547.stm>

R v Sammon and others – Conspiracy to Import/Manufacture and Possess Firearms with intent to endanger life – junior counsel for the Prosecution.

R v E and others – s.18 causing GBH with intent – Counsel for the Prosecution

R v G and others – large scale Conspiracy to Steal – Counsel for the defendant

R v T – historic familial sexual offences – Counsel for the defendant R v W – historic familial indecent assault – Counsel for the defendant

NOTABLE CASES

R v Tyrer and others – Operation Carbon: Conspiracy to Import/Manufacture and Possess Firearms with intent to endanger life – junior counsel for the Prosecution.

Press: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6937453.stm>

R v Hulme and Giles – Operation Lexis, a £57million 'Missing Trader' VAT Fraud – junior counsel for the defence.

R v Walker – Fraudulent Trading (sporting memorabilia) – junior counsel for the defence. This case attracted huge media interest when Steven Gerrard, Michael Owen and Ian Rush were all called to Chester Crown Court to give evidence.

Press: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/football/2008/feb/27/newsstory.liverpool1>

R v Smith – historic familial rape – Counsel for the defendant

R v French – indecent assault – Counsel for the defendant

R v Simpson and Others – Firearms/gang related offences - Counsel for the Prosecution

R v Ismail – Confiscation proceedings involving £1.2million – Counsel for the defendant.

R v H – s.18 wounding with intent to cause GBH – Counsel for the defendant (defendant aged 14)

R v Palmer – Violent Disorder (football violence) – Counsel for the Prosecution

R v Vause and others – Violent Disorder (football violence) – Counsel for the defendant.

R v Newsham and others – Operation Pelican: Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs – junior counsel for the defence.

R v Graham and others: Conspiracy to Murder – junior counsel for the defence.

R v Valli and others: Conspiracy to Supply Class A Drugs – junior counsel for the defence.