



Since being called to the Bar in 1996, I have undertaken a wide range of criminal work on behalf of both prosecution and defence. I joined Lincoln House Chambers in 2001, from Old Colony House Chambers.

I have very considerable experience both prosecuting and defending in serious sexual cases. I am regularly instructed in cases involving drugs and drug trafficking, firearms, assaults and robbery. I am a Category 4 Prosecutor.

In recent years I have been led in many complex murder cases and was the leading junior in a six month murder trial in 2008 and 2009, leading a Higher Court Advocate. Our client was charged with drugs offences in this high profile case of serious gang activity.

I have particular expertise in dealing with witnesses and defendants who are vulnerable due to youth, learning difficulties or mental health issues.

## NOTABLE CASES

R v Bryan (2009) – Prosecution Counsel in the trial of a woman whose dog had been dangerously out of control and attacked a passerby. The Defendant was convicted.

R v Ricci Moss (2008 – 2009) – Leading Defence Counsel for a young man charged with drug offences in a six month trial, which involved gang land murders. This case presented many challenges, with complex legal matters and huge quantities of evidence which had to be marshalled. I found my experience from previous cases of a similar size invaluable.

R v Webber (2008) – Prosecution Counsel in a very difficult case of sexual assault by a young brother on his sister. The case involved many difficult legal issues, as well as requiring great sensitivity in witness handling. The defendant was convicted.

R v Miele (2008) – Defence Counsel for an American Marine (previously awarded a purple heart), who had accidentally brought a firearm and ammunition into Manchester Airport in his checked luggage.

R v Towler (2007) – Defence Counsel in an indecent assault trial. My client was a family man of good character, who had been charged with an allegation of sexual assault upon a co-worker. I successfully defended him at trial.

R v West (2007) – Prosecution Counsel in a case of possession of drugs with intent to supply. Following trial, the defendant was convicted.

R v Crago & Parker (2006) - Junior prosecution Counsel in a very serious case involving the systematic rape and sexual abuse of a number of children by their mother and step-father.

R v Stewart (2006) - Prosecution Counsel in a rape trial involving a 16-year old defendant and a young complainant.

R v Ul-Haque and others (2006) - Defence counsel in case of Violent Disorder and Section 18 wounding. The defendant was a woman of good character charged with serious allegations arising out of a fight at a wedding. After three and half weeks of evidence, my submissions on the law and the insufficiency of the evidence were successful and the jury directed to acquit the defendant.

R v Tweedlie (2006) - Defence counsel in a case of indecent assault upon a young girl. The two week trial resulted in an acquittal for the defendant.

R v Jones (2006) - Defence counsel in case of possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply. I negotiated an acceptable basis of plea for the defendant. A complicated and contested Proceeds of Crime Act Hearing followed the sentence, my arguments resulting in a favourable determination of the benefit figure for the defendant.

R v Roberts & Jones (2005) - Junior prosecution Counsel in a complex fraud involving two serving Police Officers. I drafted a very large amount of schedules, the service of which resulted in guilty pleas.

R v Rabbitt (2005) - Defence Counsel in a case of grievous bodily harm. My client was a woman of good character who was charged after a serious violent incident during a night out in Manchester.

R v Michael O'Donoghue (2005) - Junior defence Counsel in a complex money laundering trial.

R v Coghlan and Others (2002-2003) – Junior Prosecution Counsel in a serious, long running trial. My many duties included being involved in advising on disclosure, PII and conducting often lengthy and complicated ex-parte hearings. Experience from this trial has proved most useful in subsequent cases.

## EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

1995-1996 Inns of Court School of Law BVC (awarded Lincoln's Inn Major Scholarship)

1994-1995 Manchester Metropolitan University (Common Professional Examination)

1991-1994 Birmingham University (East Mediterranean History BA Hons)

1984-1991 Sale Girls' Grammar School

## PERSONAL

Cycling, reading and spending time in the Yorkshire Dales.