



Martin is an experienced barrister who was called to the Bar in 1995. He practices exclusively in Criminal Law and is a knowledgeable and respected individual who manages a busy practice with a common sense style of advocacy.

Based predominantly at the crown courts in Preston and Burnley and serving solicitors in these areas, he has considerable experience of handling sensitive sexual cases, complex fraud allegations and clients with severe mental health problems. Martin has also been involved in several high profile cases attracting national media attention.

His daily workload encompasses serious criminal work, acting for both the defence and the prosecution including appellate cases; he currently holds category three prosecution status.

Martin joined Lincoln House as a tenant in January 2007. He has lectured to fellow practitioners on several occasions on a range of topics, including the 2003 Criminal Justice Act, criminal sentencing and dangerous offenders. He has also assisted local students in the Bar National Mock Trial Competition.

## NOTABLE CASES

Currently representing without senior counsel, a defendant charged with attempt murder.

Currently representing a defendant charged with complex conspiracy to rob.

R v Quigley March 2010. Defending. Preston Crown Court. Historic allegations of sexual abuse. Five-day trial. Defendant acquitted on 14 counts.

R v Dickinson June 2009 Prosecuting. Historic allegations of sexual abuse. Defendant convicted after a five-day trial on a 13-count indictment. Involved considerable liaison with the Complainant and her family.

R v Parvez June 2009. Court of Appeal. Attempted Murder. Gangland shooting in Preston.

R v Wilson March 2009. Preston Crown Court. Defended in a case of serious sexual offences carried out upon members of Defendant's own family. Defendant received 15 years imprisonment.

R v Hulme March/April 2008. Preston Crown Court. Junior Counsel for the Defence. Murder of a young woman in Bacup who was a member of the 'Goth and Mosher' community. This case attracted national and political media interest.

R v Barker February 2008. Burnley Crown Court. Defended a complex money laundering and deception involving several hundred thousand Pounds. The case was listed for a three-week trial.

R v Brownbill 2004. Prosecuted a trial at Preston Crown Court before his Honour, Judge Cornwall. This was the first successful criminal prosecution of an ice hockey player involved in a fight during a game. The case attracted national media interest.

Defended an Attempt Murder at the Old Bailey, 2004.

R v Hodgson & Wood 2003. Junior Counsel to the Crown at Manchester Crown Court before Mr Justice Moorland concerning Gross Negligence/Manslaughter. The case involved the death of a very young girl in Lancaster after she had taken a number of ecstasy tablets found at the Defendant's address. The case attracted considerable national media coverage.

## EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

Martin studied law at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. He attended Middle Temple and was a Middle Temple Benefactors' Law Scholar.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Martin is a member of the Criminal Bar Association, Middle Temple and the Northern Circuit.

## PERSONAL

Martin has been playing senior club cricket since the age of 16; he is currently the 1<sup>st</sup> XI wicket keeper for Lytham Cricket Club in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition. Martin coaches the Under 7's at Lytham and is a member of the MCC. He follows the fortunes of his home team, Sunderland Football Club; he also enjoys history, travel and running.