



Rick joined Lincoln House in 1994 having been a solicitor with the Crown Prosecution Service for nine years. For the most part his work is criminal, both prosecution and defence, on occasions as Leading Counsel.

His practice also encompasses inquests and police disciplinary cases.

He lectures to the Greater Manchester Police in relation to:-

The deployment of C.H.I.S (Covert Human Intelligence Sources)

Drug investigation and drug trafficking courses

Covert police investigation and the deployment of dedicated undercover police officers.

He has also lectured on behalf of White Paper in relation to issues of disclosure and public interest immunity.

His extensive criminal practice has seen him involved, on behalf of prosecution and defence in cases of murder, attempted

murder, serious sexual offences, blackmail, armed robbery, drug trafficking, money laundering, organised football violence, company frauds, mortgage frauds and election frauds.

He has considerable experience of advising the prosecution, in large scale investigations as to the sufficiency of evidence prior to charge. This, recently, in relation to Operation Gale concerning the major outbreak of public disorder following the UEFA Cup Final in Manchester in 2008.

He is recognised as having particular expertise in issues relating to disclosure for both the prosecution and the defence. He has been involved in numerous cases where "Supergrasses" feature. He has had to prepare ex parte PII applications in relation to a range of matters dealing with sensitive material. Conversely, he has also advised as to the basis upon which appropriate disclosure should be sought from the prosecution in cases involving gangland executions and the like.

He appears at inquests and has undertaken large-scale defence work in police disciplinary proceedings.

He is recognised as having a particular expertise in confiscation matters and has lectured to other barristers, solicitors and the police on the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

NOTABLE CASES

R v Synott (and others): Gangland execution, conspiracy to murder, difficult disclosure and evidential issues (Junior Counsel/Prosecution).

R v Spencer (and others): One of the defendants convicted in Synott and others became "a supergrass". New batch of defendants charged with conspiracy to murder. Numerous disclosure issues.

DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES:

Operation Field, Operation Desert I and II Drug Trafficking cases (Prosecution).

R v Butt: Money laundering charge relating to the delivery of £100,000 in cash to another individual at Manchester Airport. Revenue and Customs investigation (Defence).

R v Tanby: Rape of student. Difficult forensic issues (Prosecution).

R v E.W.P (Operation Gately): Long-term covert infiltration of large-scale drug suppliers (Prosecution).

R v D and K: Defendants charged with conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office, intelligence supplied by police employee to known criminals (Prosecution).

R v R: Misconduct in public office by serving police officer supplying unauthorised information to car recovery companies (Leading Counsel for the Prosecution).

R v T.R. (and 10 others): Defendants charged with conspiracy to defraud (£400,000) plus kidnap, false imprisonment and assault. Fallout between two criminal gangs. "Technical expert" from one gang was kidnapped and falsely imprisoned for a lengthy period pending payment of a ransom. Well-planned fraud executed at a number of garages: significant amount of money generated. (Leading Counsel on behalf of the Prosecution).

R v C, N and W: Large-scale importation. Relevant misconduct occurring both in the UK and abroad. Use, in evidence, of phone intercepts obtained by foreign authorities. (Prosecution).

R v C: Historic sex abuse - 25-30 years earlier - part of the evidence related to false memory syndrome. Experts called on either side (Prosecution).

R v L: Historic sex abuse: serious sexual offences committed against two different girls with a significant gap in time (Prosecution).

R v G: Historic rapes alleged by two different girls (Defence).

R v A.Y (and others): Conspiracy to pervert course of justice relating to attempts made by individuals to persuade supergrass not to give evidence in a murder trial (Junior Counsel for the Defence).

R v N: Importation of Class A drugs from Pakistan by alleged female courier (Defence).

R v A.I: Accountant charged with large-scale conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (Defence).

R v P.N: Large-scale cultivation of cannabis and money laundering activities of offenders that have taken place in Norfolk and London (Leading Counsel for the defence).

R v M.K (and others): Election fraud (Leading Counsel for the Defence).

R v M.F.D (and others): Large-scale drug importation of heroin weaved into rugs imported from Afghanistan (Defence).

R v RB: Conspiracy to handle stolen motor vehicles: value £450,000 sophisticated method employed concerning import and export of motor vehicles.

REPORTED CASES:

R v McGarry (1998): Decision on the use of prepared statements and adverse inferences under s.34 Crime and Disorder Act 1994.

R v Wigan Justices ex parte Johnson and Stone (1999): Extent of prosecution duty to serve video and audio tapes of undercover police officers in contact with those under investigation: criteria to be followed.

R v Greenwood (2004) EWCA Crim 1388, [2004] 6 Archbold News Liverpool Crown Court and CCA: Confession by defendant three years after the murder of a young girl. Body found in the River Ribble in Preston. Expert psychological evidence called on both sides in the absence of the jury and thereafter in the presence of the jury concerning the admissibility of a confession.

EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

University of East Anglia: LL.B (1978-1981)

University of Cambridge: LL.M (1981-1982)

Chester College of Law (1982-1983)

Qualified as a solicitor in 1994. Thereafter called to the Bar.

Member of the Criminal Bar Association

Manchester Medico - Legal Association

Category 4 Prosecutor for the CPS.

PERSONAL

Married with two children.

LEISURE:

English Cricket Board Coach (Level 2), martial arts, football, cricket, theatre, walking and travel.