



Richard Dawson

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Richard Dawson is an expert trial lawyer. He specialises in serious crime, road traffic law, and regulatory and professional discipline matters with a nation-wide client base, undertaking work throughout the UK.

Richard has developed a strong reputation for hard work, immaculate preparation and clear fact management in complex cases and he is highly regarded by all those who instruct him; representing those charged with the most serious crimes, including murder; serious assaults; serious road accidents, resulting in death or catastrophic injury; rape; sexual offences; drugs matters; fraud and financial offences.

Drawing upon a wealth of knowledge and skill, developed over more than 15 years of practice in criminal law, Richard has a strong track record of successfully defending those charged with serious crimes.

Murder

R v Wad-Hashimi – attempt murder – Defence Counsel (ongoing)

R v Sandlan & Another – attempt murder – Defence Counsel – acquitted (guilty plea to s.18)
Reported: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-36369569>

R v Mitchenson & Another – Operation Monarch – murder & arson – junior Defence Counsel – charged with the murder of a convicted sex offender, who had been seriously assaulted and partially strangled, before being dowsed with white spirit and set on fire – cut-throat defence – acquitted (co-Defendant convicted – life sentence with a 30 year minimum period to serve)

Reported:
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/man-jailed-life-after-battering-4775336>

R v Wrigley – attempt murder – leading Defence Counsel – acquitted

R v Hyland & Another – attempt murder & robbery – Defence Counsel

R v Grocock & Others – murder – junior Defence Counsel

R v Hanrahan & Another – murder – junior Defence Counsel

Serious Violence & Public Disorder

R v Ward & Others – conspiracy to commit criminal damage with intent to endanger life – Defence Counsel (ongoing)

R v Nowosad & Others – s.18, GBH – Defence Counsel (ongoing)

R v Andrews – Kidnap – Defence Counsel (ongoing)

R v Ward – threats to kill – Defence Counsel – acquitted

R v Berry & Others – assault & ill-treatment/neglect of person who lacks capacity – Defence Counsel – care home worker alleged to have “boiled” a patient, causing serious debilitating scald injuries to her legs; then to have covered up the mistake and failed to obtain medical treatment – acquitted (convicted of regulatory offence)

Reported:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-33964749>
<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/2015-10-02/care-home-owners-xxxxx-for-neglecting-99-year-old-woman-scalded-in-the-bath-and-force-feeding-residents/>

R v Johnson – s.18, GBH – Defence Counsel

R v Browitt – s.18, GBH – Defence Counsel

R v Laird – child cruelty & s.20, GBH – Prosecution Counsel – allegations of multiple serious assaults to 8-week-old baby



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R v Zubar – violent disorder – Defence Counsel – 10-handed violent disorder arising out of Asian extended family dispute – acquitted

R v Buckley – causing serious harm to a child – Defence Counsel – starved daughter almost to death

R v McMinn – s.18, GBH – Prosecution Counsel

R v Campbell – s.18, GBH – Defence Counsel

R v Marsh – s.20, GBH – Defence Counsel – assault on the rugby field – privately funded case

R v Farooq & Others – s.18, GBH – Defence Counsel – large-scale violence and public disorder arising out of a turf war in the Midlands – acquitted

R v Glaze & Others – armed robbery – Defence Counsel – car jacking – acquitted

R v Brogan – child cruelty & assault – Defence Counsel – allegations of serious assaults committed over many years against his natural son – acquitted

R v Bakewell – s.18, GBH – Defence Counsel – domestic violence

R v Kenrick & Others – aggravated burglary – Defence Counsel – use of lump hammer to cause serious injury – acquitted

R v Wynne – burglary with intent to inflict GBH & s.18, GBH – Prosecution Counsel – successfully prosecuted man who had stabbed his own brother

Rape and Serious Sexual Offences

R v Newland – historic, multiple Complainants, indecent assault – Defence Counsel – privately funded case (ongoing)

R v Barnes – rape – Defence Counsel – non-recent allegation of anal rape against ex-partner – acquitted

R v Farrar – indecent images – Defence Counsel – privately funded case

R v Owen – causing/inciting a child to engage in sexual activity & indecent images – Defence Counsel – multiple allegations; multiple Complainants – privately funded case

R v Moni – sexual grooming – Defence Counsel

R v Butterworth – historic sexual abuse – Defence Counsel – privately funded case

R v Bennett – buggery – Defence Counsel – single historic allegation; 53 years ago – acquitted

R v McKell – sexual assault of a child under 13 – Defence Counsel – multiple allegations; multiple Complainants

R v McCann – historic sexual abuse – Defence Counsel – war veteran alleged to have sexually abused stepdaughter

R v Singleton – historic rape & sexual abuse – Defence Counsel – multiple allegations; 30 years ago; allegedly commencing when his niece was only 4 years old – acquitted

R v Skelton – attempt rape & sexual assault – Defence Counsel – acquitted of attempt rape

R v Box – sexual assault of a child under 13 – Defence Counsel – multiple allegations of sexual assault of granddaughter

R v Hodgson – rape & sexual assault – Defence Counsel – multiple allegations of raping and sexually abusing a teenage boy

R v Hilton – sexual assault of a child under 13 – Defence Counsel



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R v Mohan – historic rape of a child under 13 – Defence Counsel – allegations of historic sexual abuse of his natural daughter – acquitted

R v Lord – attempt rape & assault by penetration – Defence Counsel – alleged sexual assaults as against his estranged wife

R v Saeedi – multiple rapes – Defence Counsel – acquitted

R v Butterworth – historic sexual abuse – junior Defence Counsel – privately funded case

R v Stanley – multiple rapes – Defence Counsel – multiple allegations of sexual assault; multiple complainants – acquitted

R v Higgins – historic familial sexual abuse – Defence Counsel – charged with allegations of historic sexual misconduct against his half-sister from when he was aged 13 and she was only 7 years old – acquitted of attempting to rape her and of repeatedly indecently assaulting her

R v Gabryszewski – rape – Defence Counsel – successfully defended a Polish national who spoke no English

Drugs and Money Laundering

R v Bailey & Others – Operation Kellington – conspiracy to supply Class A drugs – Defence Counsel – Prosecution conceded were unable to prove Class A drugs had been or were to be supplied to/by the Defendant, Bailey

R v Norwood & Others – Operation Heliodor – conspiracy to supply Class A drugs – Defence Counsel

R v Maher – encouraging/assisting the commission of an offence (supply cocaine) – Defence Counsel – unusual offence, contrary to s.45, Serious Crime Act – custodian of 85kg of cutting agents (“bash”)

R v Leighton & Others – Operation Afterburn – conspiracy to supply drugs – Defence Counsel – drugs supply line between Manchester and Portsmouth

R v Deaffern – Certificate of Inadequacy (Drug Trafficking Act 1994) – Defence Counsel – granted

R v Shelton – Certificate of Inadequacy (Criminal Justice Act 1988) – Defence Counsel – granted

R v Freeman-Olugbenga & Others – Operation Hook – drugs importation – Defence Counsel – acquitted

R v Marra & Others – Operation Moth – conspiracy to supply cocaine – Defence Counsel

R v Kara – money laundering – Defence Counsel – allegations of cuckoo smurfing

R v Coppell & Others – Operation Binbrook – conspiracy to supply Class A drugs & money laundering – Defence Counsel

R v Dolan & Others – conspiracy to supply cocaine – Defence Counsel

R v McCallin – drug importation – Defence Counsel – HGV driver importing cannabis by the lorry load from Europe

R v Riley & Others – Operation Barometer – Defence Counsel – major conspiracy to supply cocaine across the North West

R v Whitworth & Others – Defence Counsel – conspiracy to supply cocaine from the Midlands to the North West – involved the importation of hundreds of kilograms of Benzocaine from China

R v Tang & Others – Operation Delmas – junior Defence Counsel – conspiracy to supply wholesale quantities of Class A drugs from London to the North West & money laundering

R v Hayhurst & Others – Operation Beath – Defence Counsel – money launderer charged in connection with international conspiracy to import/supply drugs – potential value in excess of £100 million



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R v Healy & Others – Operation Rigging – Defence Counsel – large-scale conspiracy to supply drugs

R v Gregory & Others – Operation Perryville – Defence Counsel – 26 Defendants charged out of undercover drugs operation

Fraud & Serious Dishonesty

R v Donaghy & Another – mortgage fraud – Defence Counsel

R v Conway – benefit fraud – Defence Counsel – failed to declare that her landlord had gifted her a house

R v Creaven & Others – Operation Fennel – Defence Counsel – car ringing – conspiracy to convert criminal property

R v Davenport – theft – Defence Counsel – breach of trust case – executor of a will; stole sister's inheritance

R v Ogunleye & Others – conspiracy to assist unlawful immigration – Defence Counsel – sham marriages between EU & Nigerian nationals

R v Thompson & Others – fraud – junior Defence Counsel – million pound conspiracy to defraud elderly people throughout the UK – case against Thompson eventually dropped at trial

R v Parsons – fraud – junior Defence Counsel – conspiracy to defraud multiple banking institutions – digital interception of credit card details from freestanding ATM units – technology employed never before seen in use in UK – stated to have the potential to cripple UK financial institutions

R v Holt & Others – Operation Rochefort – Defence Counsel – 14 handed set-top box fraud – represented only Defendant against whom the case was eventually dropped



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