



SEXUAL OFFENDING UPDATE

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR DELIVERED BY RICHARD ENGLISH KC, FOCUSED ON SEXUAL OFFENCES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 10TH JULY 2025, AT THE HOLIDAY INN, RINGWAY, PRESTON AND WILL BEGIN AT 5PM.

Aimed at Criminal Defence Solicitors, this session will provide a practical and strategic overview of the key stages from the Police Station through to Trial and Appeal. Allegations involving sexual offending are almost inevitably sensitive and involve issues that are absent from other criminal allegations; and can be the most legally and evidentially complex and difficult cases to prepare for trial.

We will explore the complex and evolving legal landscape of sexual offences, ensuring practitioners have an overview of issues which may arise and which must be considered in the Police Station, the Magistrates' Court and before and during trial; and are up to date in relation to forthcoming and proposed developments particularly in relation to sentencing and release, and recent key decisions of the Court of Appeal.

Richard English KC will consider recent cases dealing with topics of interest to those advising and representing defendants before and after charge including:

- Practical considerations in police station advice for sexual offences
- Handling pre-charge engagement and digital evidence disclosure
- The charging decision: guidance and prosecutorial policy
- Sentencing trends and proposed reforms
- The Court of Appeal's current approach to conviction and sentence appeals in sexual offences
- Common evidential and procedural pitfalls before and during trial
- The appointment of intermediaries
- Defence statements
- Credibility, cross-examination and special measures
- Third party material, bad character and previous sexual history under s.41
- The impact of recent legislative changes and case law
- Release provisions and extended sentence regimes

Richard English KC

Richard was called to the bar in 2003 and was appointed King's Counsel in 2025; the only silk from the North West and one of very few in the country whose practice is mainly publicly funded defence. He is a skillful and persuasive advocate who prides himself on providing the best advice, and the most effective representation. Richard practices at the Criminal Bar, appearing in courts in the North West and throughout the country.

Richard's practice encompasses the full spectrum of serious criminal offences and he is well known as being a leading specialist for cases involving mentally disordered defendants and cases involving children.

Richard is regularly instructed to represent those alleged to have committed the most serious sexual offences, historic allegations involving family members and others, campaigns of sexual offending, offences involving those with a mental disability and abuse of trust by teachers and, where children are the alleged victims; in the Youth Court, Crown Court and Court of Appeal.

Richard is recommended year after year in the leading legal directories:



"Richard prosecutes and defends in serious and often sensitive cases, and he is an intelligent and astute advocate who jurors like. His closing speeches are some of the finest on the circuit, and he has significant experience in cases with a mental health element and is frequently sought out for severely mentally disordered defendants, as well as cases involving very vulnerable witnesses and complainants." – Crime (General and Fraud) – Legal 500, 2024

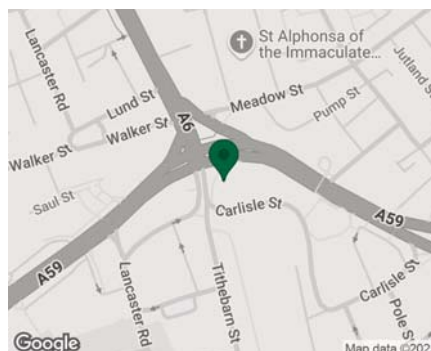
"Richard is a brilliant advocate." – Chambers & Partners, 2023

"He puts clients at ease and guides them through very complex areas of law." – Chambers & Partners, 2023

"He is highly experienced, he inspires confidence in every client and he deals with difficult issues and decisions sensitively but firmly." – Chambers & Partners, 2022

Handouts with links to the various cases and other materials will be provided and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. To reserve a place please RSVP to: events@lincolnhousechambers.com

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