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Year of Call: 2017

Richard has over 17 years' experience specialising in Criminal Law. In 2013 he qualified as a Solicitor Advocate within one of the largest criminal law firms in the UK. Shortly after obtaining Higher Rights of Audience he has appeared in jury trials for many different types of criminal offences including some high profile cases.

Richard was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in 2017.

EXPERTISE

Crime

Richard has obtained a great wealth of experience from being briefed on a daily basis in Crown Court cases up to and including trials. He has, on occasion, appeared in cases at The Court of Appeal.

Cases that Richard has dealt with have included offences of Robbery, Sexual Offences, Section 18, 20 and 47 Assaults, Dwelling/Non Dwelling burglaries, Dangerous Driving/Causing Grievous Bodily Harm by Dangerous Driving and all types of drugs cases including Conspiracy to Supply Drugs matters.

Richard has successfully acted as a defence advocate in courts including Sheffield, Nottingham, Hull, Grimsby, Lincoln and Derby Crown Court.

Since being called to the Bar Richard has also appeared for the Prosecution on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service and the National Probation Service.

Cases

R v S (2019)

Representing one of five Defendants in a people trafficking case. Led by Dermot Hughes the case involved a large amount of evidence. The people trafficking was linked to allegations of benefit fraud.

General Dental Council v P (2019)

A Regulatory case brought by the GDC against a medical practitioner. Successful submissions made at the conclusion of the Prosecution's case that there was no case to answer.

Rule 51 Prison Adjudication (2019)

Prison adjudication. Submissions made that the Prosecution case was incorrectly brought due to procedural errors. Case dismissed.

Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) R v Needham [2016] EWCA Crim 455

First Appellant of seven relating to the effect of section 35A and section 35B of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 on offenders who were disqualified from driving and had a custodial sentence imposed at the same time. For the use of Judges and Practitioners, it set out a checklist of steps as to the approach to be followed under the two sections, with conclusions setting out the appropriate way of making the formal sentencing announcement.

R v Hardman [2016] EWCA Crim 1963

Successfully argued a reduction in sentence from thirty months imprisonment to 21 months imprisonment for the Appellant. The case concerned a breach of a restraining order and how the sentencing guidelines should be applied.

R v Buxton [2015] EWCA Crim 2503

This appeal against sentence dealt with the principle of totality and how it applies in cases of domestic violence and abuse. A custodial sentence of 2 years 10 months was reduced to 2 years imprisonment after successful submissions were made.

Courts Martial and Service Law

Richard defends cases in Court Martial Trials regularly securing Not Guilty verdicts.

With a persistent and detailed approach to preparing for trial as well as taking the time to obtain detailed instructions from clients, Richard's determined preparation has proved successful.

Excellent advocacy skills in addition to thorough groundwork means Richard proves to be a strong and persuasive Advocate at trial.