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1999 - Lincoln's Inn

Fields of practice

Crime:

- Experience in both murder and manslaughter cases
- Sex Offences (including those involving children)
- Child Cruelty offences
- Offences against the Person
- Dangerous Driving and other Road Traffic offences
- Drugs offences
- Confiscation
- Fraud

Recent cases of importance

Murder

- R v Pedder (June 2008) (defence). Leeds Crown Court. The defendant was charged with attempted murder of his wife. This case involved complex psychiatric issues. The defence successfully argued that the defendant should receive a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity. The defendant was given a supervision order which allowed him to return home to his family and be treated in the community.
- R v Sykes (2008) As led junior for the defence. Leeds Crown Court. The defendant was charged with murder.
- R v Newton (2008). As led junior for the defence. Leeds Crown Court. The defendant was charged with murder.
- R v Hughes (October 2008). As led junior for the defence. Bradford Crown Court. This case concerned the non fatal shooting of a man in Huddersfield town centre. The defendant was jointly charged with offences of attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm with intent.

Sexual Offences

- T v Mctighe and others (November 2007) (defence). Leeds Crown Court. The defendant was charged with two other defendants of “gang rape”.
- R v Jones (February 2009) (defence). Manchester Crown Court. The defendant was charged with rape of a child under the age of 13 years, contrary to section 5 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003. The issue was whether sexual intercourse had taken place. The defendant was acquitted.

Child Cruelty

- R v Hewitt (May 2008). As led junior for the defence. Bradford Crown Court. The defendant was charged with offences of child cruelty and inflicting grievous bodily harm. The victims were two twin babies who were a few months old at the time of the offences. This case involved medical issues regarding the causation of the injuries which was complicated further because the babies were premature.

Drugs:

- R v Sandom & Others [2003] (defence). Teesside Crown Court, as led junior. Police covert surveillance operation. Involved entrapment and disclosure arguments.

Confiscation:

- R v Bakewell [2006] EWCA Crim 2904 (defence). The defendant pleaded guilty to being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of duty having imported of a large quantity of cigarettes. This case concerned the significance of the defendant’s basis of plea in relation to confiscation proceedings.

Fraud:

- R v Carass & Others [2002] (defence). Teesside Crown Court, as led junior. The defendant was a director of a building company accused of defrauding its creditors. Acquittal.

Additional Information

Specialist Associations: Criminal Bar Association

Grade 3 Prosecutor

Clerk(s):

Jo Pickersgill
Wayne Stevens