



## **Alistair MacDonald QC**

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B Sc (Hons) Biochemistry - (University of Bath)

Diploma in Law (City University)

1983 – Called Gray's Inn

### **Fields of Practice**

#### **Crime**

including a substantial amount of white collar fraud. Instructed in a large number of cases with specialist medical and scientific issues both for the Crown and defence, involving reference to pathological evidence and evidence relating to the aerolisation of blood and spatter patterns upon clothing, death of infants resulting from iron poisoning and close analysis of complex DNA and other scientific evidence.

#### **Personal Injury**

particularly work-related injury and disease including asbestosis and other serious or fatal conditions. Acted for both claimants as well as Hospital Trusts and individual practitioners.

#### **Clinical Negligence**

#### **Commercial**

#### **Aviation Law**

### **Recent Cases of Importance**

*Bradford City Football Fire* (Junior counsel for the civilian plaintiffs)

*Mills v Barnsley MDC* (1992) PIQR 291 (Restatement of the test to be applied in highway pedestrian accidents)

*R v Tantram and Others* (CA) (Contaminated meat fraud and jury irregularities)

*R v Leeds Crown Court ex parte Wardle* (House of Lords) [2001] 2 WLR 865 (Custody time limits and extensions. Abuse of process in the Magistrates Court)

*R v M* (Rape defendant without speech or hearing. Procedures and practices to be applied)

*R v Hardacre* (Serial rapist and also convicted of murder with sadistic elements)

*R v Booker* (Murder involving an analysis of blood splatter. World's leading experts from USA called. Defendant acquitted of murder)

*R v Ilyas* (Arson in course of the Bradford riots in which Manningham Ward Labour Club was destroyed by fire. 36 people inside narrowly escaped with their lives. Facial mapping, podiatric and other scientific evidence of importance in this case)

### **Additional Information**

Member of Specialist Associations: Criminal Bar Association.

Private pilot licence holder

Medical experience:

1974: Central Veterinary Laboratory, Weybridge. Work on the analysis of human foodstuffs to detect organophosphate pesticide residues.

1975: Institute of Animal Physiology, Cambridge. Original research on pig lymphocytes (paper published)

1976-1978: Toxicologist Department of Forensic Medicine, Charing Cross Hospital Medical School

1978: Research Assistant, Liver Unit, King's College Hospital Medical School. Work on the origin of liver disease associated with cystic fibrosis. Work on the immunology of liver transplantation