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Education	Professional Associations	Appointments
Abbey Grammar School Newry London - LLB (Hons)	Criminal Bar Association Northern Circuit Health and Safety Lawyers Association	Northern Circuit Committee Member - 2008 Recorder - 2009 Prosecuting on behalf of Lancashire Rugby Football Union - 2012 Approved Counsel for the Falkland Islands CPS RASSO Panel Sex Ticketed Recorder

Areas of Specialism
Inquests
Drug Importation and Supply
Firearms
General Crime
Money Laundering and Confiscation
Motoring Offences
Prison Law
Sexual Offences
Fraud
Licensing
Trading Standards
General Medical Council
International and Overseas Territories Law

Historically I have prosecuted and defended all areas of Crime. More recently my practice has developed into representing individuals who have been accused of the most serious of sexual offences and prosecuting at the GMC. I am decisive in dealing with people and explain their options in a clear unfettered way. This is very often unpalatable advice.

I deal with a wide range of personalities and treat each individual with respect patience and courtesy.

I supplement this work with sitting in the Crown Court as a Recorder. This is an experience I thoroughly enjoy and it has allowed me to develop my skills as an advocate as a result of judging and witnessing others who appear before me.

I have been fully trained in the use of Section 28 YJCEA 1999 regarding the questioning of vulnerable witnesses  
Regulatory

I appear as the presenting officer on behalf of the General Medical Council on cases as diverse as misconduct cases and clinical cases. These all involve the close analysis of detailed and complex material.

## Notable Cases

### Crime

Represented prison officer who was accused of assaulting a prisoner. It was said that he was one of group of officers who inflicted quite severe injuries to a heavily convicted but very vulnerable prisoner in Forest Bank. He was acquitted after a 9 day trial.

He has also been advised about his employment situation and a large pay out may follow as he was dismissed from his post long before any verdict was returned.

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### Sexual Offences

#### **R-v-Martin Campbell.**

Prosecuting the sexual abuse of the defendant who sexually assaulted two of his biological daughters when they were approximately aged 10 and also his second cousin when she was aged 17. After a 10 day trial it resulted in a conviction and a sentence of 18 years.

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### R v H

Represented a defendant who was a Foster parent accused of raping one of his foster children. It involved lengthy and difficult cross-examination of young and vulnerable witnesses. The case involved a detailed analysis of social service, school and medical records relating to the girls in question.

The defendant was acquitted after trial.

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### R v A

A case that attracted national media interest. The defendant was accused of neglect of her six children.

She had been disciplining them with the use of a BB gun. She used to chastise the children when they failed to do as instructed by firing the gun at them and wounding them. Following lengthy discussions with the prosecution and close analysis of the evidence the defendant pleaded guilty.

I was able to mitigate in such a way as to ensure that she did not go to prison.

Her co-defendant got an immediate term of imprisonment.

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### R v R

I am currently prosecuting this case where the defendant is alleged to have raped his biological daughter from the age of 4 to 14 years old. I have dealt with the interview edits, the bad character application, the disclosure and the drafting of the indictment.

The defendant is represented by Queens Counsel and the trial is pending.

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## R v Fr

Instructed to represent defendant who is alleged to have raped a 7 year old girl as part of an orgy.

The trial is pending.

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## Professional Discipline

### **Lancashire FA v PM**

A disciplinary hearing where PM was accused of bringing the game into disrepute because of language directed at an opponent on the pitch.

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## R v Bond

The Beast of Blackpool - Sexual assault trial involving human rights issues

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## Corruption

### **R v McCluskey**

One of the first criminal cases regarding the use of "Special Counsel" in relation to PII matters against the background of police corruption.

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## Murder

### **R v Ramsden**

The first Murder trial outside London dealing with the Anonymity of Witnesses.

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## Sexual Offences

### **AG of the Falkland Islands v McDonald**

The first conviction by jury in the islands history and the longest sentence ever handed down in the case relating to historical sexual offences.

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