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Education

William Hulme's Grammar School,
Manchester

University of the West of England

Inns of Court School of Law

Professional Associations

Criminal Bar Association

Northern Circuit

Appointments

CPS Advocate Panel - Cat 4 (R)

Areas of Specialism

Crime

Drug Importation & Supply

Sexual Offences

Firearms

Fraud

Motoring Offences

General Crime

Money Laundering & Confiscation

Licensing

Trading Standards

Professional Discipline & Regulation

Professional Healthcare and Regulation

Homicide

Profile

Adam is an experienced Criminal law specialist who has defended or prosecuted a wide range of cases including murder, serious sexual offences, serious violence, firearm offences, conspiracies to supply large amounts of Class A drugs and fraud.

Adam's has significant experience of preparing large, serious and multi-handed cases, including advising on the preparation of defence and prosecution cases, drafting schedules and admissions and undertaking Crown Court and Court of Appeal advocacy.

He has been involved in many cases involving covert evidence, expert witnesses and complex financial and technical documentation.

Notable Cases

R v AE

Practice Area: Crime

Prosecution of a Climbing instructor charged with sexual offences against children.

The case involved four young complainants. Bad character evidence was also heard from three young witnesses who had previously given evidence at trial that resulted in an acquittal. After a twelve day trial the defendant was convicted

and sentenced to 5 years 5 months imprisonment.

R v ZA and Ors

Practice Area: Crime

Prosecution of a group who had kidnapped a man from the street and assaulted him. The case required expert evidence to be called in relation to cell siting. After a 9 day trial all defendants were convicted and were amongst the first to be sentenced under the new sentencing guideline.

R v DB

Practice Area: Crime

Defended a young man of good character charged with sexual assault on a train.
The alleged incident was captured on CCTV. After trial the defendant was acquitted.

Inquest touching upon the death of BJ (2025)

Practice Area: Inquest

Acting on behalf of the Council.

Suicide of a man who had been accused of violence against a child.

Although Police and Social services intervention had been concluded with no action or further involvement there was an issue as to the extent failure to provide written confirmation of this had contributed to his mental state at the time of his death.

Inquest touching upon the death of AR and CJ (2025)

Practice Area: Inquest

Acting on behalf of the family in an Article 2 compliant inquest into the death by drowning of a care worker and resident who suffered from severe autism.

The means by which the deceased entered a canal were unknown.

The Inquest considered issues relating to the level of training of staff members and also systematic issues relating to risk assessments for the specified activity being undertaken.

R v F and Others (Operation Legend) 2017 – 2019

Practice Area: Crime

Prosecuting alone twelve Defendants for Conspiracy to Supply multi-kilogram quantities of Cocaine (in excess of 20 kilograms, with a 'street value of £2.5 million) throughout the North of England. At trial one of the Defendants was represented by Queen's Counsel. The Defendants used a number of novel and emerging technologies, such as 'Encro' phones and multiple SIM cards, in an attempt to conceal their criminality. The case involved a substantial amount of expert evidence, cell site evidence, and telecommunications data (instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service – North West Complex Casework Unit).

R v M (Operation Nile) 2019

Practice Area: Crime

Instructed to defend one of 16 defendants charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs in typical 'county lines' operation.

R v S (Operation Granta) 2018 – 2019

Practice Area: Crime

Instructed to prosecute a defendant involved in a conspiracy to produce and supply large volumes of 'Spice' (in excess of 500 kilograms, with a 'street' value of £5 million). The defendant absconded mid-trial and is currently the subject of an European Arrest Warrant.

R v C 2018

Practice Area: Sexual Offences

Instructed to prosecute a man in his 70s charged with indecently assaulting three of his six sisters-in-law in excess of 50 years ago and more recently his son's girlfriend.

R v DS 2018

Practice Area: Attempted Murder

Instructed to defend a man charged with the attempted murder of his 3 year old child.

R v MK and another 2018

Practice Area: Murder

Instructed as Junior counsel in a murder trial.

R. v. RT and SW . (Operation Bugler) (2017)

Practice Area: Crime

Instructed to prosecute two Defendants involved in making fraudulent claims VAT refunds and money laundering. It was estimated that the value of RT's fraudulent activities exceeded £5 million. (instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service – Specialist Fraud Division).

R. v D & Others (Operation Tungsten) 2014-2017

Practice Area: Crime

Instructed as Junior Counsel to prosecute approximately 20 defendants in a series of trials in connection with a large number of overlapping drugs conspiracies.

R. v I

Practice Area: Sexual Offences

Instructed to prosecute a case of marital rape. This case involved issues of forced marriage cultural expectations.

R. (on behalf of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service) v A

Practice Area: Fire Safety

Instructed to represent a business owner charged with breaching fire safety regulations endangering employees residing on site. Successful in the Court of Appeal in reducing the financial penalty imposed.

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Stockport MBC v. S

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Instructed to represent a landlord charged with breaching fire safety regulations.

Derbyshire County County. v. C & C

Practice Area: Food Safety

Instructed to represent a bakery and café owner charged with breaching food hygiene regulations.

Rochdale MBC v K

Practice Area: Food Safety

Instructed to represent a restaurant owner charged with breaching food hygiene regulations which had resulted in two families suffering serious food poisoning.

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