

## Curriculum Vitae

**Nicholas P. Askins**

### Profile

#### **EDUCATION:**

Saint Wilfrid's R.C. Comprehensive School, South Shields.

London University, graduated 1988 LLB (Hons).

Inns of Court School of Law.

#### **CAREER:**

Called to the Bar by The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, Michaelmas 1989.

1990 to April 2019 - Member of Broadway House Chambers, 1 City Square, Leeds.

Pupil to Mr John (later, His Honour Judge) Swanson.

2000 - Crown Prosecution Service Grade 4 and member of the Rape Panel.

2002 - Registered Pupil Supervisor.

2013 (to 2019) - Head of Criminal Team.

2013 - Accredited Advocacy Trainer, North Eastern Circuit.

April 2019 to the present - Higher Courts Advocate, Public Defender Service.

Presently ranked in The Legal 500 as "a leading junior" on the North-Eastern Circuit.

### Expertise

Has expertise in, and extensive experience of, the prosecution and defence of major and organised crime, homicide, serious sexual offences, money laundering and proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Can provide advocacy services, advice (written or via the telephone, if required immediately) and formal training in respect of the same, together with all aspects of criminal procedure and the law of evidence. Written arguments and applications can be supplied in short order, if urgently needed.

## Notable Casework

### Past:

**R v. DK (2010)** - Murder. Appeared at trial and conducted appeal against conviction to the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division. Authority on whether a jury may convict of murder where psychiatric evidence of diminished responsibility is unchallenged. Reported at [2010] 1 Cr.App.R. 4.

**R v. MS and two others (2007)**- Manslaughter and robbery. Appeared at trial and at prosecution appeal against sentence before the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division. Leading authority on sentence for robbery within the home. Reported at [2007] EWCA Crim 1692.

**R v. BK (1997)** - Appeared at trial and retrial, conducted appeal against conviction before the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division. Leading authority on withdrawal from joint enterprise murder. Reported at [1999] Crim LR 496.

**R v. NH** - Clinical practitioner charged with counts of administering a noxious substance to patients.

**R v. PL** - Murder and robbery, featured on 'Crimewatch'.

**R v. FQ** - Murder of defendant's 2-year-old daughter.

**R v. DS** - Attempted murder of defendant's mother and brother.

**R v. MM** - Murder of a taxi driver.

**R v. SU and three others** - Murder.

**R v. KH and four others** - Trial involving City of London bank employees attempting to steal a million pounds from high value accounts.

**R v. LA** - Kidnap, administering a substance with intent to stupefy and sexual assault of 11-year-old boy.

**R v. SW and another** - NHS practice manager accused of theft from employer.

**R v. PB and FS** - Owner and nurse manager of a care home charged with wilful neglect of elderly residents lacking mental capacity.

### Recent:

**R v. DJ and another (2019)** - Social worker and school teacher charged with historic sexual offences against pupil.

**R v. MC (2019)** - D tried in respect of penetrative sexual activity with two boys under 13.

**R v. AD (2019)** - Defendant tried for rape of three women.

**R v. SK (2019)** - D accused of rape of two former partners.

**R v. RB (2019)** - Care worker charged with rape of service user with mental illness.

**R v. NG (2019)** – D awaiting trial for murder and attempted robbery.

**R v. AM (2018)**- Serial rape of a child under thirteen by step-father.

**R v. BW (2018)**- Twelve-year-old boy charged with rape of nine-year-old girl.

**R v. DS (2018)** - Rape of fifteen-year-old girl by uncle.

**R v. MY (2018)** - D charged with possession of a prohibited weapon (a Mach 10 sub machine gun) with intent to endanger life and Class A controlled drugs with intent.

**R v. OE (2018)** - Alleged rape of former girlfriend.

**R v. AK (2018)** - D charged with incest in respect of his daughter, by whom he had three children.

**R v. BC and DD (2018)** “Operation Perrypark” - Attempted murder using a firearm in the course of robbery.

**R v. MI and another (2018)** - Ds charged with fraud and a million pounds’ money laundering.

**R v. TJ (2018)** - D tried for rape and coercive/controlling behaviour.

**R v. MH and another (2018)** - Male and female charged with joint enterprise rape of a woman at knifepoint.

**R v. JB (2018)** - Soldier charged with rape of a friend.

**R v. RM (2018)** - Schoolmaster charged with historic sexual offences against pupils.

**R v. LS and another (2018)** - Two-handed rape of mentally ill complainant in which the co-accused had absconded.

**R v. ZT (2018)** - Taxi driver tried for sexual assault of passenger.

**R v. BC (2017)**- Defendant charged with rape/attempted rape of six former partners.

**R v. MA (2017)**- Defendant charged with rape of two women. All parties were hearing-impaired and required sign language interpretation throughout trial.

**R v. MB (2017)** - Rape of householder at knifepoint in the course of burglary.

**R v. OM and five others (2016)** “Operation Fortitude” - Investigation by the North-West Counter Terrorism Unit into money laundering. Conducted three trials and prosecution appeal against trial judge’s terminating ruling to the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division.

**R v. HA and 25 others (2016)** “Operation Harehill” - Grooming and rape, proceedings brought under section 28 of the YJCEA 1999 (pilot project - pre-recorded cross-examination of complainants). Appeared at four trials in the series.

**R v. PB (2015)** - “Single punch” manslaughter in a public house.

**R v. KC (2015)** - Defendant accused of rape of nine-year-old boy when he was thirteen.

**R v. PH (2014)** - Manslaughter of elderly lady during burglary of her home.

**R v. JB (2013)**- International concert pianist charged with historic sexual offences in respect of six complainants.

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