

Curriculum Vitae

Adam Benedict Roxborough

Called 1998 Gray's Inn

Former Solicitor of Supreme Court of England and Wales 1994

PG Diploma in Law Chester College of Law (commendation)

LLB (Hons) Manchester Metropolitan University

Expertise

With 35 years' experience within the area of criminal defence work nationwide as both solicitor and counsel, Adam now specialises in defending major drugs conspiracy cases and heavyweight general crime. Adam has acted as leading counsel on a number of matters including historic sexual abuse and drugs supply and been junior counsel to silk on a whole host of matters including many murder cases. He has acted alone in a number of murder and manslaughter cases against Queen's Counsel.

He has worked on a number of very high- cost cases including fraud and organised football hooliganism.

Adam has worked on matters covering the entirety of the criminal calendar including major conspiracies to commit sexual offences, conspiracies to murder, people trafficking, drugs conspiracies, complex frauds and many historic sexual abuse cases.

Select Case History

DRUGS CONSPIRACIES

R v MG (2024) Operation Riverside

secured acquittal after trial in a very significant multi-handed encochat drugs conspiracy operated by a group of university graduates covering the entirety of Greater Manchester.

R v PA (2023) Operation Somerled

Secured acquittal after trial in a conspiracy involving the importation of over 1 ton of heroin from Pakistan.

R v KL (2023) Operation Carter

Secured acquittal after trial in a 25+ handed nationwide encrochat drugs conspiracy. This was the only defendant to be acquitted in a conspiracy involving multi-kilo sales of class A drugs.

R v BT (2022)

Major multi-handed drugs conspiracy in which prosecution persuaded to offer no evidence following consideration of Modern slavery/ NRM.

R v V and others (2016)

Drugs importation from The Continent involving multi- jurisdictional issues.

R v B and others (2012-2013)

Multi-million-pound drugs importation.

R v G (2010)

Leading junior in significant drugs supply conspiracy.

Murder and Serious violence

R v BD (2023)

Murder in which Adam produced the argument to successfully exclude a confession.

R v HO (2023)

Defending lead player in a gang related conspiracy to murder revolving around rival “drill rap” gangs in the Manchester area. Issues of “expert evidence” surrounding the interpretation of lyrics.

R v DM (2022)

secured an acquittal in an attempted murder.

R v VDF (2021)

defended an individual who had blasted away a “love rival’s” leg in a honey-trap conspiracy.

R v R and others (2019)

Attempted murder and serious violence. Shooting at vehicle on busy high-street followed by drug related stabbing.

R v W and others

Murder and firearms conspiracy concerning an alleged gangland drug related shooting.

R v M (2018)

Murder of wife by husband. Issue of loss of control/sexual infidelity and what could amount to a trigger for this defence.

R v B (2018)

Murder case, in which victim received fatal injury to artery following stabbing. Defendant suffering PTSD. Question of intent

R v S (2018)

Death by careless driving. Deceased septuagenarian with dementia, struck by defendant’s vehicle whilst crossing road.

R v B (2017)

Death by dangerous driving. This was a particularly sensitive case involving the death of a seven-year-old Muslim boy struck down as he returned from prayers. The case had national press coverage.

R v R (2017)

Murder case involving serious mental health and causation issues, arising from long term physical and emotional abuse of deceased. This case involved several complex medical considerations relating to causation (organ failure; internal injuries; bone damage and repair).

R v G and others (2013)

Manslaughter. Robbery gang targeting gay men, resulting in death of one victim by drowning.

R v P (2012)

The Oldham 'gas bomber' explosion; manslaughter (Death of a baby/ Criminal damage to property worth ten million pounds). Issue of causation.

Sexual Offences

R v BA (2023)

Significant issues surrounding diversity, inclusion and prejudice in a case concerning the sexual assault of young children by a then male who was, at time of trial, transitioning to become a woman. High level pastoral care of lay-client required and sensitive issues throughout the trial.

R v VS (2018)

Acquittal after highly sensitive trial of man accused of raping his 23-year-old daughter with whom he had reconnected on Facebook following 18 years estrangement.

R v P (2014)

Rape of 4-week-old baby. Issues of fitness to plead/mental health.

R v A, H and others (2012)

The Rochdale grooming case. Involving the targeting of vulnerable young children in care this case garnered (and still receives) National press interest and was the subject of high-level threats from protesters outside court. It was the first major grooming case to be tried.

R v W and L (2012)

Historic familial sexual abuse.

R v M and others (2009)

People trafficking/sexual exploitation (leading authority on the policy not to prosecute those who are themselves victims of trafficking).

R v SY (2006)

Leading junior in historic child abuse case.

Fraud

R v B and others (2016)

£13 million fraud involving the sale of defective kitchens.

R v S others (2013)

Major multi-handed nationwide credit card fraud.

R v F and others (2013)

Multi-national 'e-bay' car-ringing fraud

Select notable cases as solicitor**R v C**

Child abuse in a North Wales children's home.

R v D

Child abuse in Midlands children's home.

R v M

Multi-million-pound credit card fraud involving Saudi Arabian Royal Family.

To Note/Other

I take particular care to ensure that my lay clients understand they are being cared for. Client- care is at the forefront of my approach. I believe it is a much-undervalued commodity in the legal profession. It is an essential part of case management. By way of example: Recent comments from instructing solicitors and lay clients include:

"I just wanted to convey my gratitude on behalf of XXXX for your outstanding representation of KL resulting in acquittal earlier today. It always feels like a "very safe pair of hands" whenever we instruct you! The client phoned me before the jury were sent out to pass on his gratitude to you and said that whichever way things went, you couldn't have done anymore."

And from another recent case my lay client said this to my instructing solicitors;

“Throughout the proceedings, Mr. Roxborough demonstrated remarkable professionalism, attention to detail, and strategic prowess. His courtroom presence was commanding yet respectful, and he adeptly navigated complex legal arguments with ease. What truly set Mr. Roxborough apart, however, was his unwavering dedication to securing the best possible outcome for his client - me.”

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