

Martin Sharpe

Called to Bar (Middle Temple)	1989
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Education

University of Manchester BA (Hons)	1984
University of Liverpool MA	1985



Profile

Martin is an experienced RASSO practitioner, before joining the PDS he was a Grade 4 RASSO prosecutor on the NE Circuit. He has also represented defendants who have faced the whole spectrum of serious criminal charges. He pioneered Goodyear sentence indications (see below).

Martin has undertaken a wide range of serious sexual complaint cases. He has represented in numerous grooming gang cases & has experience in many cases of historic sexual abuse involving vulnerable witnesses. He has also been involved in cases where health care & other professionals including Doctors, teachers & residential care workers have faced sexual & other allegations. He has represented in false memory syndrome cases.

To Note/Other

Considerable experience in multi-media presentation of fraud & other cases.
Highly computer literate.



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Notable Cases

R v W (2024) Historic sex abuse of girl aged between 6 & 9, by older cousin. Involves possible false memory syndrome.

R v H (2024) Operation Hazelshot case. Historic sex involving grooming gang supplying vulnerable underage girl with drugs & alcohol in exchange for sexual favours. Defendant acquitted of all counts.

R v G (2024) Historic sex abuse of then very vulnerable 12-year-old, who later conceived a child with the defendant. Offence admitted during XX.

R v A (2023) Operation Hazelshot case (different complainant). Historic sex involving grooming gang supplying vulnerable underage girl with drugs & alcohol in exchange for sexual favours. Defendant acquitted of all counts.

R v W (2023) Rape of neighbour, both parties in their 50's. Two-week trial.

R v R (2022) Historic sex abuse, involving two victims. Case was originally dis-continued in the 90's & involved multiple complex legal issues. The defendant was acquitted of all the counts concerning one alleged victim.

R v N (2021) Care Home professional accused of multiple sexual assaults on very vulnerable victims.

R v K (2021) University student distributing indecent images of children on an industrial scale.

R v A (2020) Care Home professional accused of multiple sexual assaults on very vulnerable victims.

R v F (2020) Rape of a woman by a transgender individual.

R v Y (2018) Alleged rape of company colleague after work night out, with immediate complaint. Defendant acquitted.

R v C (2017) 12-year-old rapes five 10-year-olds, at several scout camps.

R v K (2016) Series of sexual assaults including rape of different strangers.

Notable Cases

Unusual and Miscellaneous cont'd

R v M – Admin Court (2012) & COA (2014) Complicated application for certificate of inadequacy in 10-year-old confiscation case.

M - Civil Court of Appeal (2011) Representing parents fighting appointment of Receiver to enforce sale of their home in enforcement of confiscation order.

R v Goodyear (2005) 3 All E.R. 117, Archbold 5-79b. Appeared at first instance in Doncaster Council corruption case & then took this case to the Court of Appeal, without a leader. Introduced sentence indication “*Goodyear indications*” in open court

R v Hamed (2006) Privately instructed to represent “Prince” Naseem Hamed, the World Champion boxer, on his plea and sentence for dangerous driving.

R.(Miller Gardner Solicitors) v Minshull St Crown Court (2002) 67 JCL 370, EWCA 3077, Archbold 15-79 JR case, which arose from the prosecution of the supposed armourer of the notorious “Gooch Close Gang” in Manchester (the first case in Manchester in which “Special Counsel” was appointed). It concerned access to special procedure material by a firm of solicitors & has become a leading case on legal professional privilege.

Oldham & Burnley Riot Cases (2002)

Represented defendants facing riot & violent disorder counts following large scale civil disobedience.

“Bolton Seven Case” (1997/98)

This was a male sex case, which involved similar issues to the “Spanner Case” and was taken to the Court of Appeal, where five defendants were represented and then to ECHR, where the British Government settled the matter by way of compensation. Led to abandoning of law on gross indecency & was made into a Channel 4 dramatisation.

Castlemorton Common Festival Case (1994) New Age traveller “mass rave” case under the old common law offence of public nuisance, led to change of law & new “anti-rave” legislation. Largest ever investigation by West Mercia Police.

