

# Peter Woodall

Called to Bar (Middle Temple) **1983**  
Pupil Supervisor **2004-2006**  
Accredited Facilitator of the Vulnerable Witness Programme  
Casework advice for the Criminal Case Review Commission

## Education

Philosophy, University of Lancaster **1979**  
LLB (Hons), University of Leeds **1982**  
QAA Pilot Scheme, Cardiff Law School **2010**



## Profile

Peter Woodall is a specialist defence advocate and is an extremely experienced Leading Junior with a particular specialism in defending defendants charged with offences of rape, including historic rape, grooming, possession of unlawful images, child abuse, and Police and vigilante sting operations.

He has represented clients charged with Complex Fraud offences and organised crime.

He has acted as a Court Appointed Advocate under the provisions of section 38 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 where defendant have no legal representation.

Peter Woodall has specialised in Contracted Cases since the inception of the VHCC scheme as both Leading and Junior Counsel and has been instructed in some of the largest frauds prosecuted in recent years such as Operation Vaulter and Operation Eraser.

So far as cases of defending general criminal cases is concerned, Peter has vast experience in multi handed drug conspiracies, murders, money laundering and serious organised crime, as well as offences of Violence, Drugs and Dishonesty.



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# Notable Cases

## **R v M, Bradford Crown Court**

Multi handed historic grooming case going back many years. Peter was involved in the original trial and retrial. This was one of six trials arising from a single police operation.

## **R v S, Cardiff Crown Court**

Rape of brother and sister under 10 years of age by persons in loco parentis with the associated creation of video and unlawful class A images.

## **R v W, Snaresbrook Crown Court**

Vigilante sting operation trapping a defendant who had set out to meet a child for sex.

## **R v M, Guildford Crown Court**

Inciting child to engage in sexual activity arising from vigilante hunters.

## **R v G, Central Criminal Court**

Inciting child to engage in sexual activity arising from vigilante hunters.

## **R v S, Ipswich Crown Court**

A case involving a large download and storage of category 'A' images of rape and torture of infants.

## **R v O, Cardiff Crown Court**

A trial involving multiple counts of Indecency, within an on-going relationship, with associated allegations of violence, strangulation, and control.

## **R v O, Harrow Crown Court**

Stranger Rape focused on clubs in the West end of London.

## **R v A, Stoke on Trent Crown Court**

Multiple allegations of child abuse and grievous bodily harm. The defendants at trial ran a cut-throat defence.

## **R v C, Gloucester Crown Court**

The defendant was an adult Autistic Spectrum Disorder sufferer charged with sexual assault on a six-year-old child and possession of unlawful images. Intermediaries were instructed on both sides and a psychologist was instructed by the defence. The defendant was acquitted.

## **R v X, Gloucester Crown Court**

The defendant was an asylum seeker charged with sexual assault upon a young woman in a secluded car park whom he had initially met in a local night club. The defence was one of consent. CCTV evidence was critical to the defence. The defendant was acquitted.

## **R v M, Lewes Crown Court**

Led by Greg Bull QC. The defendant and one other faced a twenty-count indictment alleging historical multiple rapes and sexual assaults. The allegations focused upon schoolgirls from a local Sussex college. The trial lasted four weeks and involved an expert witness in the transmission of HIV and anti-terror drugs.

## **R v X, Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court**

The defendant was charged with multiple offences of historic sexual assault against members of his family and a young babysitter. The matters went back approximately thirty years. The defendant was acquitted of all counts.