

Holly Betke

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Memberships

- Lincoln's Inn
- North Eastern Circuit

Criminal Overview

Holly has been a criminal practitioner since 2008, first as a solicitor, then since 2013 as a barrister. She has experience acting for both the prosecution and defence in conducting trials, pre-trial and preparation hearings, sentences and newton hearings. She has acted in a range of matters including:

- Violent offences, from common assault to murder
- Dishonesty offences from shoplifting to armed robbery
- Fraud offences including revenue fraud
- Drug offences
- Sexual offences
- Public Order offences
- Environmental offences
- Proceeds of Crime Applications and Confiscation Enforcement Proceedings
- Local Authority Prosecutions
- VOSA Prosecutions

An effective advocate, skilled in cross examination, Holly is a Category 1 Prosecutor.

She has also advised clients regarding appeal against conviction and sentence, and appeared at the Court of Appeal.

Cases

R v R and others - £10 million buy-to-let fraud trial. Part of a wider investigation into organised crime in Tameside.

R v CC - Leeds Crown Court. Defended man accused of sexual activity with a child. Acquitted after trial.

R v B - secured a successful result for her client in a contested confiscation case. Following a conviction for fraud in a multi-handed case, Holly was successful in contesting the £21 million figure on behalf of her client. After a seven day hearing, the client was found to have no hidden assets, a benefit figure of £9.8 million and an available amount of £204,000 which had already been paid.

R v D - secured a not guilty verdict for her client, a 33 year old Romanian female in a sex trafficking case. After a month long trial, the defendant was acquitted of running prostitutes.

R v W - represented a male charged with two counts of evasion of payment of excise duty on tobacco worth over £95,000.

R v B - represented a male charged with possession with intent to supply and production of cannabis.

R v S - represented a male and his company charged with offences against the environment agency.

R v B - represented (as junior) a male who was charged with murder, defence being one of diminished responsibility due to acute alcohol syndrome.

R v P - represented a male charged with affray and possession of an offensive weapon.

R v W - represented a female charged with burglary of a dwelling.

R v P - prosecuted a male charged with affray and possession of a bladed article.

R v N - defence of breach of restraining order, reasonable excuse put forward due to Battered Woman Syndrome.