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Appointments

North West Sexual Offences Panel

Memberships

Northern Circuit Criminal Bar Association
ARDL

UK Environmental Law Association

Education

Lincoln's Inn

Criminal

Andrew is a highly regarded and sought after Leading Junior who was called to the bar in 1996 following seven years with the CPS based in Manchester. He is a specialist criminal barrister who provides advice and advocacy for both the prosecution and defence.

Andrew is well respected for his meticulous preparation, a pragmatic attitude, first rate client care and skilled jury advocacy.

He is regularly instructed to prosecute cases involving organised crime groups and has extensive experience of prosecuting multi-handed conspiracies to commit the most serious allegations involving homicide, drug supply, firearms and robbery.

He is equally at home defending and maintains a substantial defence practice with considerable experience in the most grave and complex criminal cases including large scale fraud, drug supply and homicide.

Andrew is an expert in cases involving allegations of fraud and he has extensive experience of representing clients charged with fraudulent activity in areas including MTIC, eBay, mortgage and 'copycat' websites.

The nature of his work regularly includes associated confiscation proceedings and he is therefore often engaged in high value proceedings involving third party interest claims and hidden assets.

Although based in Manchester, he is regularly instructed to work off circuit and is happy to travel when required. He retains an interest in youth crime involving those with learning disabilities and is a member of the National Autistic Society pro-bono unit at Exchange Chambers.

Criminal Cases

Operation Dougal – representing a company director at trial, as leading junior, in a multi-million pound NTS fraud involving ‘copycat’ UK Government websites with cross-border jurisdictional issues.

Operation Gallant – prosecution leading junior in a trial involving the supply of class A and B drugs and the laundering of money abroad.

Operation Cosmetic – prosecution leading junior in a trial involving the supply of class A drugs and firearms between organised crime groups throughout the UK.

Operation Telegram – prosecution leading junior in a trial involving the supply of class A and B drugs by an organised crime group some of whom claimed to have been the victims of modern slavery.

Operation Hansford – prosecution leading junior at trial in a case involving allegations of armed robbery and the targeting of car showrooms by an organised crime group operating throughout the Northwest, Derbyshire and Yorkshire.

Operation – defence leading junior in a case said to involve the largest ever drug seizure by the National Crime Agency.

Operation Leopard – instructed for the defence in a conspiracy to murder arising from the ongoing feud between rival Salford organised crime groups.

R v. Rothwell and others “Operation Pin”
Manchester Minshull Street. Prosecution Leading Junior in conspiracy to supply cocaine.

R v. Reid, Manchester Crown Square.
Successful defence of gang related possession of prohibited firearm.

R v. Ghafelipour, Manchester Crown Square.
Prosecution junior in particularly brutal murder of an ex-girlfriend.

R v. Arsalan and others, Sheffield Crown Court.
Defence junior in conspiracy to supply drugs and possession of firearms.

R v. Francis and others, Manchester Crown Square.
Successful defence in gang related possession of firearms.

R v. Shaw and others “Operation Cambist”

Manchester Minshull Street. Defence Leading Junior in a two month Customs and Excise Evasion of Duty (£25 million) cigarette and tobacco Importation.

R v. Levesconte and others “Operation Hartley”

Nottingham Crown Court. Defence Junior in 4-6 week Supply of class A controlled drugs.

R v. Litwinski and others “Operation Greengage”

Liverpool Crown Court. Defence Leading junior (VHCC) in cross border multi agency Conspiracy to Import Drugs and Firearms.

R v. Taylor and others “Operation Abbreviation”

Bolton Crown Court. Defence junior alone in SOCA prosecution Conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

R v. Sabir and others “Operation Palm”

Leeds Crown Court. Defence Junior alone in SOCA prosecution Conspiracy to import/supply 750 kilo’s of heroin valued in excess of £20 million.

R v. Glover and others

Manchester Minshull Street. Defence Leading junior in 5 week eBay Fraud prosecuted by the Trading Standards Authority.

R v. Lane “Operation Belle

Manchester Minshull Street. Prosecuting a Sexual Grooming case involving the use of a covert police operative in Internet chat-rooms. “Operation Marengo”, Manchester Minshull Street. Prosecution Junior alone in 18 handed covert police operation targeting class A drug dealing.

R v. Hulmes and others “Operation Gherkin”

Manchester Minshull Street. Prosecuting Junior alone in police operation targeting organised armed robbery gang.

Recommendations

Environmental Regulation

“Impressive and refreshingly down to earth, explained everything to me clearly”. “Always robust, but maintains a calm and friendly approach”.

“I wish to convey my sincere appreciation for the outstanding work that Stephenson solicitors and Exchange Chambers barristers have carried out for me during my recent environmental case”.

“First class, would have no hesitation in recommending to others”.

Inquests

“We can’t thank you enough for helping us to understand why our brother died and for your help in getting our views across throughout the inquest.”

“Very impressed. Andrew knew his stuff and took time to explain everything to me, at a very worrying time both professionally and personally.”

Beyond the Bar

Andrew is now a keen golfer having finally accepted his football career is over. Family time is spent travelling and walking the dog.