

Ben Nolan QC



1971 (Middle Temple)
1992 QC

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Appointments

Recorder

Deputy High Court Judge

(Queen's Bench Division)

Middle Temple - Bencher, 2004

Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

Personal Injury Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Areas of specialisation

Crime and Personal Injury

Experience

Ben Nolan has a mixed criminal/civil practice with the emphasis on crime.

During his fifteen years in Silk, Ben has prosecuted and defended in a number of high profile criminal cases. He has now led in over one hundred murder cases, many of them gangland shootings, and has considerable expertise in food safety scandal cases. Ben is on the approved Serious Fraud Office Panel of Queen's Counsel.

Ben regularly advises and appears for claimants in catastrophic injury civil claims where damages run to millions of pounds, including clinical negligence and product liability cases.

Ben has considerable expertise in the cross-examination of medical and other expert witnesses.

Although he is based on the North Eastern Circuit, Ben undertakes work throughout the country.

Recent Cases

R v T (Newcastle upon Tyne, 2007) - Defended a sixteen year old boy charged with murder.

R v E (Manchester, 2007) - Patricide murder.

M v MIB (2007) - Multi-million pound civil claim on behalf of Premiership Footballer rendered paraplegic in motor accident.

R v R (Manchester, 2007) - Murder.

R v M (Manchester, 2007) - Murder.

R v S (Leeds, 2007) - Baby killing - over twenty paediatric specialists giving expert evidence.

R v A (Court of Appeal, 2006) - Seven day appeal leading to fifteen year old conviction for murder being overturned (CCRC).

R v R (Newcastle upon Tyne, 2006) - The Sharon Beshenivski (Bradford policewoman) murder.

R v R (Court of Appeal, 2006) - Authority on diminished responsibility and drink.

R v H (Bradford, 2006) - Murder by arson.

R v R (Manchester, 2006) - Fitness to plead.

R v C R (Manchester, 2006) - Alleged gangland revenge killing.

R v O (Newcastle upon Tyne, 2006) - Voodoo and ritual practice by Nigerian nationals.

R v A (Liverpool, 2006) - Alleged gangland killing.

R v P (Caernarfon, 2006) - Murder.

"Operation Caddy" (Snaresbrook, 2002-2006) - Undercover operation in Costa del Sol and elsewhere leading to a series of trials of major drug dealers and involving law enforcement agencies from Spain, United States, Netherlands, Republic of Ireland and Columbia. Complex issues of international law, international co-operation, extradition, entrapment, agent provocateur and commissions rogatoir DTA. Proceedings including multi-million pound assets abroad.

R v W (Manchester, 2005) - Counterfeiting cases including undercover journalists and entrapment issues regarding the BBC.

R v S-S (Manchester, 2005) - Halloween 'Barbie-Doll' killer.

"Operation Aberdeen" (Nottingham, 2004) - Complex fraud involving food safety issues (alleged laundering of condemned poultry-meat through food chain. Multi-agency prosecution involving Fraud Squad, Food Standards Agency and Environmental Health Officials.

R v C (Newcastle upon Tyne, 2004) - Alleged murder by arson. Conviction overturned by Court of Appeal.

R v L & Others (Manchester, 2001) - Gangland torture case.

R v T & Others (Hull, 2000) - Complex fraud involving food safety issues.