

# Ben Nolan QC

1971 (Middle Temple)  
1992 (QC)



## APPOINTMENTS

Recorder  
Deputy High Court Judge (Queen's Bench Division)  
Middle Temple Bencher (2004)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

North Eastern Circuit  
Criminal Bar Association  
Personal Injury Bar Association  
Professional Negligence Bar Association

## AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Violent crime; Sexual Offence & Abuse; Rape; Child Abuse; Fraud; Criminal Injury; Murder & Manslaughter; Road Traffic; Fatal Accident; Stress at work; Injuries at work; Industrial diseases; Courts martial; Prisoner; Health & Safety; Public Order; Conspiracies and Drug-related crime.

## EXPERIENCE

A mixed criminal/ civil practice with an emphasis on crime, 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. He also has substantial experience in food safety scandal cases and is on the approved Serious Fraud Office panel of Queen's Counsel.

He 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 also has considerable expertise in cross-examining medical and other expert witnesses.

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## RECENT CASES

- **R v Antoine Anderson** Murder by shooting. Complex ballistics and firearms residue evidence  
*Supreme Court of Bermuda, February 2009*
- **R v Erskine** Murder, in the course of robbery  
*Manchester, Dec 2008*
- **R v J.C.J** Police Corruption - misfeasance in Public Office  
*Newcastle, Oct 2008*
- **R v EV.** Endangered species, corporate liability under Countryside and Wildlife Act
- **R v A.D.** Murder, gangland execution and torture  
*Leeds, July 2008*
- **R v Barker** Murder, sentence/minimum term sched 21. CJA 2003. Adjustment of minimum term for good behaviour.  
*Court of Appeal*
- **R v King** Definition of Rape - one offence or three.  
*Court of Appeal*
- **R v Miller** Murder, sentence/minimum term/sched The CJA 2003. Definition of torture.  
*Court of Appeal*
- **R v E.** Firearms case, Abuse of Process  
*Newcastle, April 2008*
- **R v Clough** Massive importation of Class A drugs  
*Woolwich, April 2008*
- **R v S** Massive importation of Class A drugs  
*Manchester, March 2008*
- **R v Laurence** Murder  
*Old Bailey*
- **R v B** Attempted murder, Firearms  
*Newcastle, Dec 2007*
- **R v T** Murder, Young defendant  
*Newcastle upon Tyne, 2007*
- **R v Edwards** Patricide murder  
*Manchester, 2007*

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- **Mitchell v MIB** Multi-million pound civil claim on behalf of Premiership Footballer rendered paraplegic in motor accident  
*2007*
- **R v Rigdy** Murder  
*Manchester, 2007*
- **R v Mansfield** Murder  
*Manchester, 2007*
- **R v S** Baby killing - over twenty paediatric specialists giving expert evidence  
*Leeds, 2007*
- **R v Adams** Seven day appeal leading to fifteen year old conviction for murder being overturned (CCRC)  
*Court of Appeal, 2006*
- **R v Razzaq** The Sharon Beshenivski (Bradford policewoman) murder  
*Newcastle upon Tyne, 2006*
- **R v Robson** Authority on diminished responsibility and drink  
*Court of Appeal, 2006*
- **R v H** Murder by arson  
*Bradford, 2006*
- **R v Reed** Fitness to plead  
*Manchester, 2006*
- **R v Curtis Ruthven** Alleged gangland revenge killing  
*Manchester, 2006*
- **R v Ogmeide** Voodoo and ritual practice by Nigerian nationals  
*Newcastle upon Tyne, 2006*
- **R v Abbot** Alleged gangland killing  
*Liverpool, 2006*
- **R v Parkes** Murder  
*Caernarfon, 2006*
- **R v Sullivan & Others** Sentence Murder, minimum term schedule 21 CJA 2003  
*Court of Appeal (5 judge court)*

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- **"Operation Caddy"** 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.  
*Snaresbrook, 2002-2006*
- **R v Whittaker** Counterfeiting cases including undercover journalists and entrapment issues regarding the BBC  
*Manchester, 2005*
- **R v Stephenson-Snell** Halloween 'Barbie-Doll' killer  
*Manchester, 2005*
- **"Operation Aberdeen"** 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  
*Nottingham, 2004*
- **R v Collings** Alleged murder by arson. Conviction overturned by Court of Appeal  
*Newcastle upon Tyne, 2004*
- **R v Lydiate & Others** Gangland torture case  
*Manchester, 2001*
- **R v Tantram & Others** Complex fraud involving food safety issues  
*Hull, 2000*

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