

# Dominic Benthall

## 2002 (Middle Temple)



### Qualifications

MA (Hons) (Edinburgh University) 2000  
Diploma in Law (City Univ.) 2001

### Professional Associations

Criminal Bar Association  
Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

### Areas of specialisation

#### Defence work

Dominic has a wide-ranging criminal defence practice.

In 2010 / 2011 he was instructed in several multi-handed cases involving allegations ranging from conspiracy to supply class 'A' drugs, s.18 GBH and arson. All of these allegations involved representing young defendants in the Crown Court. In 2011 he has been instructed to defend in a twelve-handed violent disorder arising from the August disturbances in London.

He is instructed in all types of sex case, from indecent exposure to rape.

Dominic is also privately instructed on driving cases and has recently been involved in the following matters:

- **R v B**, Hove CC (April 2011) - successfully argued special reasons (on appeal) not to endorse where the driver had run a red light due to sustained threats and pressure from another road user - defendants costs order granted
- **R v S**, St Albans CC (January 2011) - successfully argued (on appeal) against failure to respond to a Notice of Intended Prosecution where appellant was arguing it had become lost in the post - defendants costs order granted.

#### Prosecution work

Dominic is a grade 2 prosecutor who appears regularly for the Crown Prosecution Service.

Dominic is currently instructed by the Serious Fraud Office as junior counsel in a 7-handed conspiracy to defraud case (**R v DP** and 6 ors). Convictions were obtained against all defendants in September 2011 and confiscation proceedings are ongoing. This was the second case in which Dominic was instructed as junior counsel in a prosecution by the SFO.

### Other interests

In his spare time, Dominic enjoys playing the guitar and cooking.