

## Curriculum Vitae

### Stuart Duke

#### EDUCATION:

Notre Dame High School, Blackburn, Lancashire.  
Newcastle Polytechnic, Graduated. (LLB Hons)  
Inns of Court School of Law 1989  
Registered pupil supervisor. 2014- to date.

#### CAREER:

Senior Crown Prosecutor 1990- 1996 in London and Manchester.  
Old Colony House Chambers, Manchester 1996-2001  
Queens Chambers, Manchester 2001- 2004  
Central Chambers, Manchester 2005-2009  
Khattak Solicitors, Manchester. In house Counsel, 2009-2015  
Tuckers Solicitors, Manchester. In house Counsel, 2015-2019  
Morgan Brown and Co, Manchester. In house Counsel 2019-2022  
Higher Courts Advocate, Public Defender Service. February 2022- to date.

## Expertise

Has expertise in, and extensive experience of, the prosecution and defence of major and organised crime, homicide, serious sexual offences, money laundering and proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. I have also defended in many long running trials involving the importation of drugs, grooming gangs, and gang related murders.

I also specialise in firearms cases and I am a qualified firearms instructor.  
Can provide advocacy services, advice (written or via the telephone, if required immediately) and formal training in respect of the same, together with all aspects of criminal procedure and the law of evidence. Written arguments and applications can be supplied in short order, if urgently needed.

## Notable Cases

In my early days as a Crown Prosecutor in London and Manchester, I was part of a Prosecution team that successfully brought to trial several murder cases involving organised crime groups and street violence.

Whilst at the Bar, I successfully defended several high-profile murder cases in and around the North West.

**2002- R v B** and another. Two allegations of murder for gain.

**2005 R v Z** and others Single allegation of conspiracy to murder, involving feuding gangs and the use of golf clubs and swords as the murder weapons.

**2007 R v C** and others. Drugs importation trial involving the supply of millions of pounds of Class A drugs.

**2006 R v M** and others Trial involving the supply and subsequent use of firearms by organised crime groups.

**2008 R v K** and others. Trial involving multiple armed robberies on vulnerable victims.

**2012 R v D** and others. Ground-breaking grooming trial involving multiple defendants and allegations of knifepoint rape.

**2013 R v F** Murder trial involving the stabbing to death of an ex-partner in a public park.

**2015 R v W** Murder trial involving the beating to death of a vulnerable neighbour.

**2017 R v Q** and others. Lengthy fraud trial involving multiple defendants.

**2018 R v T** trial involving multiple allegations of knifepoint rape.

**2021- 2022 R v T** and others. Murder allegation involving organised gangs in Manchester

#### **Notable Casework**

##### **Past:**

**R v. DK (2010)** - Murder. Appeared at trial and conducted appeal

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