

Curriculum Vitae

Stephen Thomas

Solicitor Advocate

Qualified 1991

Higher Rights of Audience 2005

University of Glamorgan 1985-1988 LLB(Hons)

Duty Solicitor (North Gwent and Newport 1993 – Present)

Expertise

Over 10 years experience specialising in crime only matters. Stephen has represented Defendants through all stages of the Criminal Justice System from initial arrest to the Court of Appeal.

Stephen has extensive experience in representing young and vulnerable defendants with particular emphasis in recent years in representing defendants charged with Murder and other serious violent serious sexual offences Fraud and firearms offences.

Stephen has also prosecuted for the National Probation Service both in the Magistrates Court and Crown Court.

Notable Cases

Set out below is a selection of cases Stephen has conducted, it should not be regarded as exhaustive.

MURDER AND OTHER OFFENCES OF SERIOUS VIOLENCE

R v AH [2014] Representing a defendant jointly charged with causing Grievous Bodily Harm with intent to his victim by punching and stamping to the head

R v AG [2012] Led junior successfully representing a Polish Defendant (3 month Murder trial) charged with assisting offenders (including his brother) charged with Murder by burning the victim to death and other serious violent offences. The prosecution alleged that the Defendant knowing about the murder provided a change of clothing for his Co Accused, arranged transportation for them to evade and escape capture by the police and continually updating them about media coverage of the incident.

R v PP [2012] Representation of a defendant charged with the kidnap and false imprisonment of his partner

R v CS [2012] Representation of a female defendant charged with section 18 wounding in the context of domestic violence

R v CM [2011] Representation of defendant charged with knifepoint robbery of victim in his own home

R v RC [2009] Led junior representing a Defendant charged with murder of his employer and attempted murder of his fellow employees by arson. The prosecution alleged that the Defendant was owed wages and attended his workplace armed with a pistol and petrol. He lay in wait for his colleagues to arrive at work, bound and gagged them and held them hostage, tortured his employer victim before asphyxiating him with his own necktie. The Defendant then went on to prepare separate seats of fire before leaving his victims in the premises bound and gagged. Defendant claimed Diminished Responsibility. Case involved significant evidence from Defendant's childhood having to be obtained from North America and successful application to exclude bad character evidence of previous Armed Robbery offences proven against the Defendant.

SERIOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES

R v CS [2014] The Defendant was charged with raping three separate extremely vulnerable women whilst working as a care worker at a care home.

R v DD [2013] Acquittal of a defendant charged with sexual activity with a child

R v RH [2013] Defendant charged with making indecent images.

R v GG [2012] The Defendant was charged with sexual activity with a looked after child having offered her a lift home it was alleged that the Defendant forced himself upon his victim and forced her to commit sexual acts upon him. The Defendant was acquitted after trial.

R v AW [2012] The Defendant a ten year old boy was charged with five counts of Rape and additional charges of sexual activity with an eight year old next door neighbour. Case involved extensive psychological evidence having to be obtained and adduced in evidence issues of fitness to plead and stand trial in the youth court as well as the use of intermediaries.

R v DC [2012] A case involving the grooming and incitement of a vulnerable female across the internet to commit sexual offences.

R v NE [2012] The Defendant an eighteen year old was charged with a number of counts of sexual activity with children. The Case involved dealing with an extremely vulnerable defendant.

To Note/Other

R v LW [2013] The defendant charged with failing to pay nursing home fees for his elderly infirm mother, stealing her pension and savings to a value in excess of £30,000 and spending it on himself.

R v JH [2013] The Defendant (a Company Director) was charged with fraud in excess of £120,000 that involved a significant breach of trust and the theft of rent monies from landlords and tenants whose properties were part of his management company.

R v DH [2014] Representation of defendant charged with supply of Class A drugs

R v KD [2013] Representation of a vulnerable defendant charged with Arson with Intent to endanger the life of his mother and father.

R v CC [2013] Representation of a vulnerable adult assessed as suffering from schizophrenia charged with neglecting her 3 year old son, locking him in his bedroom whilst she went to work.

R v MB [2011] A case involving the organisation and undertaking of sham marriages.

R v GO [2010] The defendant a bank employee charged with theft/ fraud

COMPUTERS

Fully computer conversant and prepares all cases with the assistance of computers utilising the latest software. Uses word, excel spreadsheets and pdf conversion software, in the preparation and presentation of cases. Fully conversant in the forensic manipulation of data from telephone logs and similar computer material, in order to present cases in a professional and appropriate way.

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