

Curriculum Vitae

Adam Benedict Roxborough

Called 1998 Gray's Inn

Former Solicitor of Supreme Court of England and Wales 1994

PGDipLaw Chester College of Law (commendation)

LLB (Hons) Manchester Metropolitan University

Expertise

30 years' experience within the area of criminal defence work as both solicitor and counsel. Adam has acted as leading counsel on a number of cases including historic sexual abuse and drugs supply, and been junior counsel to silk on a whole host of matters including many murder cases. He has acted alone in a number of manslaughter cases against Queen's Counsel.

He has worked on a number of very high cost cases including fraud and organised football hooliganism.

Adam has worked on matters covering the entirety of the criminal calendar including major conspiracies to commit sexual offences, conspiracies to murder, people trafficking, drugs conspiracies, complex frauds and many historic sexual abuse cases.

Notable Cases

Fraud

R v RB and others (2016)

Leading junior in a major, multi-million pound conspiracy to defraud and commit regulatory offences defended to acquittal after a six-month trial.

R v F and others (2013)

Multi-national Ebay car-ringing fraud conspiracy involving the theft of very high value vehicles to order and then the sale of parts from those vehicles.

R v M and others (2013)

Ebay and online purchasing fraud.

R v S and others (2013)

Major multi-handed nationwide credit card fraud using cloned credit cards and customer details from hacked sources.

R v B and others (2011)

Ebay scam and money laundering defended to acquittal.

Sexual Offences

R v P and others (2016)

Allegations of grooming and gang rape involving five men and a woman. Acquitted after trial.

R v M and others (2014)

People trafficking for sexual exploitation from Eastern Europe. Issues of duress.

R v P (2014)

Rape of four-week-old baby by her father. Issues of fitness to plead/mental health/hospital orders and cross examination of mental health experts.

R v A, H and others (2012)

The Rochdale grooming case. Involving the targeting of vulnerable young children in care. This case gained national notoriety during its four-month trial in Liverpool. It was the first significant case of its type to come to trial and was targeted by far right wing groups for this reason. The issues of race and child sexual abuse threw up an extremely difficult dynamic within the trial. This was a particularly sensitive case politically.

R v W and L (2012)

Historic familial sexual abuse. Defence to acquittal of mother of complainants who allegedly participated in the rape of her children.

R v M and others (2009)

Multi handed people trafficking/sexual exploitation. Victims from eastern Europe (leading to authority affirming the policy not to prosecute those who are themselves victims of trafficking: [L.M and others]).

Murder, Serious Violence

R v BR (2017)

Junior in murder case involving many complex issues around causation and intent; the allegation being that the victim has been killed by a series of injuries and abuse over a three-year period.

R v G and others (2013)

Robbery gang targeting gay men in Manchester city centre resulting in death of one victim.

R v P (2012)

The Oldham 'gas bomber' explosion; manslaughter (death of a baby/ criminal damage to property worth ten million pounds) - issue of causation. This was a nationally-known case receiving significant press coverage. Prosecuted by leading silk but defended without leading counsel.

R v M S (2010)

Riot and conspiracy to murder.

Drugs

R v K and others

Multi-million pound conspiracy to import class A drugs. Issues of admissibility of evidence collated in foreign jurisdiction, extradition and inappropriate surveillance.

R v B and others (2012-2013)

Multi-million pound drugs importation. Involving consideration of international jurisdiction, extradition and the admissibility of multi-jurisdictional evidence.

R v G K (2010)

Leading junior in significant class A drugs supply conspiracy.

Select notable cases as solicitor

R v C

Child abuse in North Wales children's home.

R v D

Child abuse in Midlands children's home.

R v M and others

Multi-million pound credit card fraud involving Saudi Arabian Royal Family.

To Note/Other

Defended in VHCC cases concerning frauds and football-related violence.

Handled many heavyweight POCA applications as defence counsel plus garnered expertise whilst prosecuting these for a number of North West Local Authorities for whom Adam has also acted in health and safety and other regulatory work.

Has acted in many murder and manslaughter cases.

Specialised in the defence of allegations of sexual offences and, in particular, historic abuse.

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