

Curriculum Vitae

Duncan McReddie

Barrister, Called Lincolns Inn 2007

Solicitor specialising in crime 1997- 2007

Profile

VCW Law Stockton on Tees, in-house advocate 2011- 2019

Brown Beer Nixon Mallon Solicitors, in house advocate 2009--2011

Fountain Chambers, Middlesbrough 2007-2009

Freers Solicitors, partner and head of criminal department 2001—2007

Watson Woodhouse, solicitor specialising in crime 2000—2001

Brown Beer Solicitors, trainee and assistant solicitor 1994—2000.

PG Dip Legal Practice, College of Law, York 1994—1995

Teesside University LLB Hons 2:1 1991—1994

Expertise

Since qualifying as a solicitor in 1997 Duncan has acquired a wealth of experience across all aspects of criminal practice. As a duty solicitor since 1999 he has dealt with every type of case from minor summary only matters to the most serious offences on the criminal calendar. His experience covers initial interview in the police station to appeal to the Court of Appeal. Since he was called to the Bar he has specialised in advocacy in the Crown Court conducting every type of hearing. He has acted as sole counsel in many serious and important matters including conspiracy to supply class A drugs, rape and serious sexual assault, breach of the Companies Act and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. He has appeared as junior counsel in several cases of murder.

Notable Cases

Set out below is a selection of cases Duncan McReddie has conducted. It should not be regarded as exhaustive.

Sexual Offences

R v JW at Teesside Crown Court

Historic allegation of rape of a child arising from allegations of sexual assault for which the defendant had previously faced prosecution and pleaded guilty to lesser offences. Involved issues of admissibility and third - party material.

R v CD and another at Teesside Crown Court

Historic allegation of rape arising from events which occurred when all parties were children. Involved issues surrounding social media posts at the time, collusion between witnesses and omissions from the complainant's medical history.

R v RR at Teesside Crown Court

Serious sexual assault and domestic violence. Limited guilty pleas were entered and sentence passed on the basis of the offences charged rather than on the evidence of what took place. An appeal was lodged which was successful, the court of appeal remarked that this was an unusual and unique case.

Class A Drugs

R v RE and 10 others at Teesside Crown Court

The defendant was a trusted courier carrying an encrypted telephone. Drugs were transported from Liverpool to the north east in wholesale quantities.

R v AS and 6 others at Teesside Crown Court

Class A drugs were acquired in quantity in Northern Ireland, trafficked to Liverpool and onward to the north east for distribution in Hartlepool and Newcastle. Most conspirators were unknown to police who stumbled on a major conspiracy.

Serious Violence

R v AW and 7 others at Newcastle Crown Court

A conspiracy to cause criminal damage which revealed an OCG establishing territory and enforcing debts by serious acts of criminal damage such as ramming houses and vehicles with specially adapted vehicles and discharging firearms at premises as well as dealing in class A drugs.

R v TK at Teesside Crown Court

A case of murder; appeared as junior for the defence. The case was unusual as the defendant pleaded guilty but was allowed to vacate his plea. He then advanced the defence of diminished responsibility despite the fact that two psychiatrists agreed that he was not diminished.

R V JD and 6 others at Teesside Crown Court

An allegation of murder; appeared as junior for the defence. A group of juveniles were accused of an attack on an innocent member of the public. Joint enterprise was a key issue as the trial took place at the time of R v Jogee. The defendant's plea of manslaughter was rejected by the Crown. He was convicted of manslaughter.

General

R v AD at Teesside Crown Court

Represented a company director accused of multiple offences setting up shell companies obtaining orders for work, subcontracting work, accepting payment defrauding investors and creditors.

R v PB at Newcastle Crown Court

Appeared as junior for defendant who allegedly gave false evidence in a major drugs trial which resulted in acquittal. No evidence was offered after detailed consideration of unused material.

R v SM at Teesside Crown Court

Represented second defendant in people trafficking case relating to care home workers. First defendant absconded, case resolved on guilty plea to offences concerning national insurance contributions.

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