

Curriculum Vitae

Duncan McReddie

Barrister, Called Lincolns Inn 2007.

Solicitor specialising in criminal defence work 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, equity partner and head of criminal department 2001—2007.

Watson Woodhouse, solicitor specialising in criminal defence work 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. He has conducted several serious cases involving difficult defendants as court appointed advocate under the provisions of S38.

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 CM at Teesside CC secured sentence of 8 months imprisonment on two counts of S18 GBH with a motor car.

R v BB at Sheffield CC 2022 S18 GBH secured no evidence offered after two trial listings.

R V BM at Teesside Crown Court. 2021

The defendant faced a seven- count indictment including a serious sexual assault, false imprisonment, criminal damage, S47 assault, witness intimidation and pervert the course of justice.

R v MB at Teesside Crown Court 2021

The defendant was an old man when accused and charged with allegations of rape and indecent assault of a family member which went back to 1964/5, in addition he faced further allegations of sexual assault on a different family member in the 1980's. The case involved the issues of doli incapax, hearsay and was complex because it was charged under the 1956 Act.

R v JM at Teesside Crown Court 2017

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 autre fois acquit, admissibility and third - party material.

R v CD and another at Teesside Crown Court 2015

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, disclosure issues and omissions from the complainant's medical history.

R v RR at Teesside Crown Court 2017

Serious sexual assault and domestic violence. Limited guilty pleas were entered and accepted by the Crown but sentence passed on the basis of the offences charged rather than on the accepted pleas and 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 2013

The defendant was a trusted courier carrying an encrypted Blackberry. Drugs were transported from Liverpool to the north east in wholesale quantities, after detailed analysis the defendant was advised as to the nature and strength of the evidence and pleaded guilty at early stage, he received a much-reduced sentence when compared to the sentences imposed for late pleas.

R v AS and 6 others at Teesside Crown Court 2017

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. The case against this defendant was primarily based on mobile phone cell site evidence.

R v DS and 6 others at Teesside Crown Court 2016

This case involved the trafficking of large quantities of Cocaine into Teesside and subsequent distribution.

Serious Violence

R v AW and 7 others at Newcastle Crown Court 2018

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 2019

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

R v JD and 6 others at Teesside Crown Court 2016

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 2012

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 2013

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 revealed apparent withholding of information by officers.

R v SM at Teesside Crown Court 2011

Represented second defendant in people trafficking case relating to care home workers. First and principal defendant absconded, the defendants level of involvement was overcharged and the case resolved on guilty plea to offences concerning national insurance contributions.

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