

Richard Sheldon

Specialises in important, complex and serious criminal prosecution and defence work primarily on the north-eastern and midland circuits. He also accepts instructions in ecclesiastical, environmental and regulatory matters.



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Overview

Richard Sheldon has a wide and loyal base of solicitor clients, with whom he has built up an effective and successful working relationship over many years. He is considered to be a very safe pair of hands with excellent client and personal skills. He is well-regarded by judges.

Called: 1984

Appointments:

Recorder of the Crown Court
appointed 2004
Past pre-examiner in
Ecclesiastical Courts 1997

Crime

Richard Sheldon is a specialist criminal law barrister who accepts leading counsel instructions (for the prosecution or defence) in the higher courts. He is highly regarded on the North Eastern Circuit as one of the top junior counsel within Bank House Chambers. He is often led by Queen's counsel in major trials and also leads junior members of chambers in high-profile cases.

He handles a wide variety of very serious allegations including murder, serious sexual and violent offences, organised crime, and complex fraud matters.

He has been a Grade 4 prosecutor for over 15 years and is a member of the CPS RASSO panel, regularly handling cases of rape and serious sexual offences (including child sex offences). He has been approved to handle high-cost cases for both prosecution and defence.

His flexibility and willingness to take on all cases recently resulted in Richard appearing at the Youth Court, prosecuting a murder without a leader and sitting as a Recorder all in the same week.

Significant Cases

Murder, Violence and Public Order Offences

Operation Dasher 2005

Successful prosecution of nine men convicted of joint enterprise murder. Successfully upheld in the Court of Appeal.

R v M 2015

Leading counsel for the successful prosecution for murder and planned robbery relying on telephone, ANPR and cell-siting records.

R v S 2016

Manslaughter. Defence of father accused of killing his own son in the course of a joint enterprise to steal high voltage electric cable.

Regulatory & public

Richard Sheldon's regulatory and public law background experience covers court martial matters and a small amount of ecclesiastical law.

Significant Cases

Notable Cases

R v Campbell [2006]

Defence counsel acting for man charged with importing firearms and supplying class a drugs to front line troops in Iraq.