

Curriculum Vitae

Simon Perkins

University of Buckingham – LLB (Hons) 1998

Called 1999 – Grays Inn

Expertise

Extensive experience of defence advocacy across the spectrum of criminal practice including in the Crown Court, Court Martial and Court of Appeal.

With a special interest in Disclosure Issues, adept at employing IT to collate and analyse complex and voluminous cases.

Regularly instructed to represent vulnerable defendants on account of demonstrating great understanding and patience with this client group. A reputation for gaining the confidence of those who are least able to express their instructions, and for providing clients with clear, direct and unequivocal advice.

Considerable experience in Court Martial defence and representing Service personnel in the Military and civilian courts.

Notable Cases

Set out below is a selection of cases in which Simon Perkins has been involved, but it should not be regarded as exhaustive.

Murder, Violence

R v LY

Led by Timothy Roberts QC. Defence of a 17-year-old youth convicted of murder. Approximately 17 young witnesses, DVDs and extensive CCTV footage.

R v RK

A “single punch manslaughter” witnessed by two PCs who failed to recognise the severity of the injury, delayed summoning medical assistance, and prevented a teenage bystander from trying to assist. None of that affected the outcome of the assault. However, the case was prosecuted as a murder after the PCs “embellished” their evidence about the assault. The pathology was inconsistent with their accounts and the jury acquitted of murder. Led by Tim Roberts QC who elicited this remarkable reply in cross-examination: “Well you see Sir, what’s in my pocket notebook is not necessarily accurate.”

R v JL

Defence junior in case of a 21-year-old with borderline special educational needs involved in a fatal drunken assault on elderly alcoholic.

Robbery / Conspiracy to Rob

R v KM

Defence of one of a number of men involved in a series of armed robberies of betting shops.

R v JJ

Defence of a 15-year-old youth implicated in a series of armed cash-in-transit robberies by the presence of his blood on one getaway vehicle.

Sexual Offences**R v GO**

A combination of contemporary and 20-year-old allegations against a profoundly learning-disabled man who was unfit to plead. The challenge to the evidence relied upon exposure of inconsistencies in the principal witness' account; close examination of the medical unlikelihood of the defendant being equipped to do the acts alleged; and a dismantling of rather sweeping conclusions of an "expert" paediatrician based upon a minimal number of first hand cases and a complete absence of published research on the phenomena asserted.

Drugs**R v MS**

Conspiracy to import 50kg of amphetamine paste from Holland concealed in a consignment of car "spares." Notable for the involvement of a Dutch drug-runner who had negotiated a plea bargain for information which led to arrests of the conspirators.

R v RC

Conspiracy to supply Class (A) where conspirators were connected to a major wholesale supplier. Case entailed cell-site analysis, covert surveillance and bugging of conspirators' vehicles.

Neglect / Ill-Treatment of Patients**R v LT (Jan 2014)**

Acted as led junior in defence of the manager of a residential care home prosecuted under s44 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005. The case against three defendants collapsed due to absence of evidence of incapacity of alleged victims and failures of disclosure. Leading counsel was kind enough to say that the Defence Case Statement drafted by Simon was "...perfectly precise and prescient."

Appeals**R v Christopher SIRRS [2006] EWCA Crim 3185 (Appeal of Conviction)**

A lengthily-litigated appeal of a conviction arising from the racially-aggravated disorder in Hull in summer 2003. The appellant was convicted of many offences, some of which relied upon the evidence of tainted witnesses. The appeal centred upon issues of non-disclosure of undermining material and PII. The Court of Appeal quashed 2 convictions.

Unusual / Miscellaneous**R v PH**

Defence of an off-duty police officer alleged to have needlessly kicked a dog. Case entailed commissioning and calling defence expert veterinary evidence to rebut the allegations.

R v JH

Successful defence of a police civilian staff member accused of unauthorised access to, and dissemination of, police computer records.

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