

## Curriculum Vitae

### Tom Mitchell

1995

Balliol College, Oxford-MA (Theology) 1989-1992

Manchester Metropolitan University-CPE 1993-1994

Inns of Court School of Law-Bar finals 1994-1995

Called 1995 Lincoln's Inn, Megarry Scholar

### Expertise

Defending

- Allegations of organised and business crime
- Applications brought under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
- Allegations of homicide and sexual offences, particularly those involving complex issues of admissibility

Also experienced in public inquiries, military law, police law and civil actions against public authorities.

### Notable Cases

Set out below is a selection of cases in which Tom Mitchell has been recently involved. It should not be regarded as exhaustive.

#### Fraud and business crime (of particular and unusual character)

##### **2014 R v S and another**

Substantial money laundering arising from one of the most vicious and wicked internet frauds yet detected.

##### **2011-2013 Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council v D**

Operation Bushmaster, subsequently reported at [2013] All ER (D) 91 and enshrined within the latest edition of Skone-James on copyright. Acted for the prosecution. Despite the outcome, the case has clarified both the criminal law in relation to copyright infringement in trans-jurisdictional Internet downloading; and wider aspects of the common law of conspiracy to defraud.

##### **2011-2012 R v D (and another)**

Environmental crime case subsequently dealt with by the Court of Appeal at [2012] EWCA Crim 2363, most notable for the defeat of the following substantial POCA application made by the Environment Agency.

##### **2010-2012 R v P (and others)-VHCC**

Operation MFBE/Erasure. One of the largest MTIC cases ever brought by HMRC

##### **2009-2010 R v L (and others)**

Operation Parkway. Allegations of serious frauds against Railtrack.

Has also acted in many trading standards and health & safety cases, for both the prosecution and the defence.

**Serious sexual offences (cases of utmost severity, multiple victims, historicity or other complexity)**

**2014 R v B**

Historic and recent allegations of the utmost severity. Issues as to the admissibility of evidence by child witness thought to be the youngest ever to have been subject to recorded video interview

**2014 (ongoing) R v S**

Allegations of sexual blackmail

**2013 R v C**

Historic and recent sexual offences against multiple, young and vulnerable victims

**2013 R v S**

Historic sexual offences

**2012 R v D**

Serious historic sexual offences

**2011 R v M**

Defending client accused of serious offences against a child who had already served a substantial sentence for similar matters

**2011 R v W**

Serious historic sexual offences

**2010 R v H**

Serious historic sexual offences

**2009 R v M**

Serious sexual offences against multiple partners

**2009 R v B**

Serious sexual offences alleged by young, vulnerable complainant

**2009 R v H**

Series of serious historic sexual offences alleged by multiple victims

**2008 R v H**

Client notorious for his appearance on national TV as a self-confessed "slaver"

**Operation status drugs and violence/homicide (defended alone unless stated otherwise)**

**2013-date R v G (and others)**

North East/North West large-scale cocaine distribution

**2012-13 R v H (and others)**

North East/North West large-scale cocaine and amphetamine distribution

**2012-13 R v S (and others)**

North East regional cocaine distribution. Acted for only one of two defendants to stand trial

**2012-13 R v J (and others)**

North East/North West large-scale cocaine distribution

**2012-13 R v F (and another)**

Allegation of kidnapping by confederates

**2012 R v P (and others)**

Large-scale cannabis farming operation. Client was vulnerable, young Vietnamese woman

**2012 R v E (and others)**

An unwitting, alleged large-scale cannabis farmer

**2011 R v P (and others)**

North East/North West large-scale cocaine distribution

Appeared for the only defendant to stand trial

**2010 R v T**

Allegation of attempted rape involving issues of LCN DNA

Notable for orders post-Reed re disclosure in relation to the foundations of expert evidence

**2009-2011 R v D (and others)**

Allegation of attempted murder against a group of men who crashed a car into the complainant, removing most of one leg in the process, thereafter trying to hack the remains of the complainant's other leg off with a sword in a street

**2009-2010 R v H (and others)-Operation Greengage VHCC**

International level drugs importation, ultimately heard in the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division and reported as Litwinski and others [2011] EWCA Crim 727

**2009-2010 R v B (and others)**

North East/North West cocaine and amphetamine distribution

**2009 R v N (and another)**

Murder-led by Eric Elliott QC of Trinity Chambers, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

**2009 R v W (and others)**

Causing death by dangerous driving and perverting the course of justice

**2009 R v R, R and G subsequently reported at [2009] EWCA Crim 2698**

Led by Jamie Hill QC of Fountain Chambers, Middlesbrough

Leading appellate authority on the admissibility of LCN DNA evidence

**2008-2009 R v W (and others)-Operation Cirrate VHCC**

Liverpool drugs importation and supply

**2008 R v B**

Attempted murder, drive-by shooting

**2008 R v T**

Notorious gang-on-gang kidnapping and ransom case, for the lead defendant, led by Eric Elliott QC of Trinity Chambers, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

**Courts Martial (cases of unusual severity or nature for that forum)****2011 The Queen v H**

Soldier possessing indecent material

**2011 The Queen v N**

Allegations of serious sexual offences against a serving soldier

**2010 The Queen v M**

Allegations of soldier on soldier kidnap and torture

**To Note/Other****2013 Hartlepool Public Inquiry**

Appointed chairman to an inquiry into the conduct of elected members in Hartlepool and the procurement of services in the community and voluntary sector

**1995-to date**

Has advised both claimants and defendants in relation to civil allegations of public authority misfeasance

**2001-date**

Has acted on the instruction of the PDS since its inception in many of its most severe cases

Computer literate and experienced in electronic evidence presentation

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