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Richard is a skillful and persuasive advocate who prides himself on providing the best advice, and the most effective representation.

Richard is a native of Dublin. He studied History at Trinity College, Dublin University. He qualified as a solicitor in England in 1996, and in Ireland in 1997 where he practiced for two years. As a solicitor he was involved in a number of high-profile and complex cases amongst them – the London City Bond fraud and the Sally Clark appeal. He became a partner with Burton Copeland Solicitors in 2000.

He was called to the Bar in 2003 and practices at the Criminal Bar, appearing in courts in the North West and throughout the country. He has a predominately defence practice, but does prosecute in complex, document heavy, multi-handed cases.

He was a Law Society trainer on the Human Rights Acts and have been trained by Amicus in death row cases. He has advised the Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas and has written for their journal on mental health issues.

Expertise

Murder & Manslaughter

Notable Murder & Manslaughter cases

R v S

Defending. Murder. Convicted of robbery.

R v A

Defending. Murder. Guilty plea. Junior alone.

R v S

Defending. Murder. Guilty plea. Led by Mukthar Hussain QC.

R v B

Defending. Murder. Defendant diagnosed as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia, charged with murder, he admitted manslaughter and received a hospital order with restrictions. Junior alone

Sexual Offences

Notable Sexual Offences cases

R v B

Allegations made that in 2017 and 2018 D sexually abused girls aged 13 and 14; the allegations included a series of violent rapes. D had autism and great care was required in taking his instructions and keeping him informed of the trial's progress. Cross examination of the complainants was a difficult exercise requiring considerable skill and preparation. Not Guilty verdicts after 4 week+ trial.

R v D

Defending a man accused of raping five women over a ten-month period. Leading junior.

R v H

Defending one of a number accused of a campaign of rape and abuse against young women.

R v S

Defending. Historic allegations of serious sexual abuse.

R v I

Defending. Adult Defendant accused of befriending online and then having a sexual relationship with a 14 year old.

Financial Crime/Fraud

Notable Financial Crime/Fraud cases

R v B

Defending. Defendant was acquitted after a nine month trial brought by the SFO following the collapse of the Defendant's investment business and a loss of £170m to investors. Led by Stephen Solley QC.

R v S

Defending. Defendant acquitted following trial in relation to his alleged involvement in a Construction Industry Fraud Scheme. Led by Nick Johnson QC.

FSA v D

Defending. Advised the Defendant in relation to proceedings taken under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

R v P

Defending. Defendant pleaded guilty to fraud, having taken in the region of £100,000 from his Mother's estate over which he had power of attorney.

Defending. Conspiracy to defraud Nat West Bank of £20m. Led by Paul Reid QC.

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Mental Health Lawyers Association
- Associate member of the American Bar Association
- Northern Circuit