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## Profile

### Recommendations

"Very experienced in heavyweight criminal matters."

Legal 500 [2019]

"Very conscientious and diligent."

Legal 500 [2017]

### Appointments

Appointed to the List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health & Safety and Environmental Law (List B)

Level 3 CPS Advocate Panel (from 2012 to February 2017). Level 4 CPS Advocate Panel (from March 2017)

CPS Rape Panel (from January 2013)

Attorney General's Unified List of Prosecuting Advocates 'C' Panel (2007 until closure of the list)

## Education

BVC (College of Law), LLB (Hons) (Newcastle)

## Practice

Tom prosecutes and defends in cases involving very serious allegations.

By reason of his appointment to the Attorney General's Unified list of Prosecuting Advocates and thereafter to the CPS Advocates Panel (now at level 4), Tom has been instructed to prosecute as sole counsel in a number of the most serious drug and tobacco importations brought in Kent. He has substantial experience in:

- multi-jurisdictional investigations and foreign evidence gathering protocols
- sensitive material and public interest immunity. (Tom has advised HMRC and UKBA on questions of disclosure in relation to complex and highly sensitive material involving a range of state agencies)
- interpreting mobile phone usage, cell site analysis, tachograph analysis and satnav analysis
- confiscation and restraint proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. (Tom was seconded to the Asset Forfeiture Division of the Revenue and Custom Prosecutions Office in 2007)

Tom has experience in prosecuting on behalf of BIS (formally DTI and then BERR) in cases brought against directors and companies in consequence of offences under insolvency and company legislation. Tom also has experience in conducting prosecutions brought by the DWP and/or local authorities against fraudulent benefit claimants.

Notwithstanding that his prosecution practice has, by reason of his appointments, occupied a significant part of Tom's diary over recent years, he is equally focused on, and committed to, his defence practice. Tom routinely represents those accused of the full range criminal offending. He defends in cases involving serious violence, sexual abuse, fraud, drug supply, armed robbery, arson and firearms.

He is sought after by solicitors and clients alike not only for the clarity of his advice and the care he takes to ameliorate the inevitable stress that Crown Court proceedings bring to bear, but principally for his unwavering determination to achieve the best possible result in each case in which he is instructed.

Current and recent cases include:

## Prosecution

R v Chohdry Leading for the prosecution in historic child rape case. Case defended by silk and junior. Convictions secured of 5 counts of historic rape and 6 counts of historic indecent assault against a child who was abused from the age of 7. [Click here](#) for news item.

R v Honey - child prostitution, child pornography and grooming of victims between the age of 11 and 13 (as far as America and Australia).

R v M & M - million pound tobacco importation involving duress with a substantial and complex disclosure dimension.

R v S - importation of 2.5 tonnes of cannabis in the fabric of solar panels found within a commercial freight vehicle.

R v P - substantial importation of heroin from Central Europe.

R v K, P & L - three-handed importation of heroin from Eastern Europe in a specially modified car.

Rv J - importation of ecstasy with a street value of 3 million pounds.

R v S -substantial cannabis importation following an intelligence led investigation

R v W & P - substantial tobacco importation involving duress.

R v H - prosecution of an ex-police officer for failing to cooperate with the liquidator in the winding up of a company of which she was a director.

## Defence

R v M - on-duty black cab driver accused of GBH on pedestrian.

R v H - multiple counts of historic sexual abuse against a child.

R v W - serious sexual assault against a very young complainant.

R v M - large-scale distraction frauds perpetrated against deliberately targeted elderly victims. The case involved widespread national media coverage. The entire prosecution case rested upon very substantial and complex cell site analysis.

R v W & W - double GBH involving near fatal injuries to both victims.

Tom retains an interest in civil litigation and continues, in appropriate cases, to accept instructions. He has a particular interest in regulatory and planning matters and has acted in the past for local authorities in public inquiries concerned with domestic change of use through to major commercial developments. Tom has conducted a number of significant value multi track trials in litigation arising out of personal injury and general contractual disputes.