

3PB Barrister Profile



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Academic Qualifications

LLB (London School of Economics)

Nigel Mitchell is a highly respected leading junior with extensive experience in a broad range of crime and related areas.

A persuasive jury advocate and effective cross-examiner he has particular experience in:

- Fraud, both general and white collar including Revenue and Customs and mortgage offences
- Murder, violent crime and gang related offences
- Drug trafficking and other drug related offences
- Sexual offences
- Firearms offences
- Regulatory matters including Health & Safety offences

Some notable recent cases

R v Blake [2011] Cardiff Crown Court.

Represented defendant charged in connection with very large scale cocaine distribution. Drugs arrived in Kent, processed in Dorset and distributed from Wales.

R v Brady [2005] 1 Cr App R 5 CA

Briefed on behalf of the defence. A leading case on protection against self-incrimination. Statements obtained under compulsory questioning can be passed from one law enforcement authority to another. It was held that the DTI or the official receiver could disclose material obtained under s235 Insolvency Act 1986 to the Inland Revenue without an order of the court or notice to the person who provided it.

R v Brand [2012] Winchester Crown Court.

Represented defendant charged with murder where much of the evidence was concerned with low-level DNA found on the victim's clothing. Defendant was one of three brothers and alleged that one of his brothers was the murderer. DNA which could have come from all three was found on the clothing.

R v Gaud

Represented a surgeon who upon discovering he had hepatitis deceived his employers by submitting patients blood as his when asked to give samples.

R v Gray [2007]

Briefed for the defence in a murder trial at the Central Criminal Court. A case where much of the evidence was forensic in nature and the manner of putting the various pieces together would determine the outcome.

R v Lammali [2011] Bournemouth Crown Court.

Acted for defendant charged with conspiracy to rob. Gang robbed isolated farmhouse looking for cash. Found cash but also a large number of firearms which were taken, some of which were sold to the underworld.

R v Legister [2011] Central Criminal Court.

Briefed on behalf of defendant charged with murder (Operation Trident). Crown's case was that she was guilty of the offence by reason of her knowledge that a murder was to be committed and her offer to allow the perpetrators to park the firearm at her premises immediately after its commission. Acquitted.

R v MEB

Briefed by the HSE to prosecute offences concerning a death of an employee in an electricity sub-station.

R v Mirzayari & others [2006]

Briefed for the defence in a large cocaine conspiracy centred in Dorset.

R v Royal Ordnance and Manson

Briefed by the HSE to prosecute offences concerning an explosion in an ordnance factory.

R v Sneath & others [2005] -

Briefed for the defence in a conspiracy to import large quantities of cocaine from South America. The cocaine had been turned into a liquid which was then allowed to soak into elaborate wooden doors. A chemical process was then utilised to return the cocaine to powder upon arrival in the UK.

R v Sneath & others [2005] -

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R v Tattum [2010] Winchester Crown Court.

Led junior in a very complicated 'shaken baby' case. Considerable attention from both sides was focused on the triad of injuries that have long been regarded as diagnostic or highly suggestive of non-accidental injury.

Professional Qualifications and Appointments

- Attorney-General's Junior Counsel to the Crown (A Panel)