



Oliver Snodin

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Oliver Snodin is an experienced and consummate advocate who is instructed to defend those accused of the most serious criminal offences, including murder, serious violent and sexual offences, the large-scale supply of drugs, armed robbery, firearms offences and fraud.

Practice Areas

Murder, Manslaughter & Attempted Murder

Oliver has extensive experience in representing those charged with murder and attempted murder.

These cases have involved the instruction of experts in a wide range of fields such as DNA analysis, pathology, mental health, cell site analysis, alleged gang membership and rap or "drill" music.

Notable murder, manslaughter & attempted murder cases

R v A - Central Criminal Court

Instructed as led junior in case of one of four defendants charged with conspiracy to murder, conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm and possessing a firearm and ammunition with intent endanger life.

R v G - Central Criminal Court

Led junior in the case of a defendant charged with the murder and robbery of a shopkeeper.

R v P - Central Criminal Court

Led junior instructed for one of four defendants charged with two counts of attempted murder, possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life and violent disorder.

Criminal Defence

Oliver has represented those charged with violent offences, firearms offences and allegations of drugs supply of the utmost gravity, both as a led junior and junior alone.

Oliver is frequently instructed to represent those who are alleged to be in possession of firearms with intent to endanger life, complex nationwide conspiracies to supply drugs and cases concerning very serious violence and public disorder.

For more details about Oliver's experience in defending in cases of homicide or serious sexual offences, see Oliver's separate "Murder, Manslaughter & Attempted Murder" and "Serious Sexual Offences" practice profiles.

Notable criminal defence cases

R v A - Snaresbrook Crown Court

Instructed as led junior for one of five defendants charged with conspiracy to commit armed robberies of bookmakers in East London.

R v B - Reading Crown Court

Represented the lead defendant charged with wounding with intent. The defendants ambushed and stabbed the victim.

R v G - Oxford Crown Court

Led junior representing one of six defendants charged with conspiracy to supply over 50 kilos of cocaine.

R v S & Others - Harrow Crown Court

Led junior in the trial of eight defendants who faced charges of conspiracy to kidnap, false imprisonment and wounding with intent.

R v B - Kingston Crown Court

Defendant with mental health problems charged with a very serious allegation of wounding with intent.

R v C - Woolwich Crown Court

Defendant was one of seven charged with possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life.

R v Z - St. Albans Crown Court

Led junior in the case of eleven defendants charged with conspiracy to supply cocaine throughout the UK.

R v L - Northampton Crown Court

Defendant charged with unrelated matters of wounding with intent and arson. After being found unfit to plead the Crown proceeded with two separate trials of the act.

R v M & Others - Portsmouth Crown Court

Defendant was the second of eight defendants charged with conspiracy to supply class "A" drugs as part of what was said to be large-scale "county lines" drug supply.

R v W - Inner London Crown Court

Defendant charged with a historic armed robbery. The defendant was arrested as a result of his palm print being identified 6 years after the alleged offence.

Serious Sexual Offences

Oliver is regularly instructed to defend in cases concerning serious sexual allegations.

These cases often involve vulnerable defendants and/or complainants, and Oliver is experienced in dealing with clients and witnesses with particular vulnerabilities (including psychiatric, psychological and learning difficulties, as well as young individuals).

Notable serious sexual offences cases

R v P - Reading Crown Court

Defendant charged with assault by penetration.

R v G - Central Criminal Court

Defendant charged with sexually assaulting a 19-year-old student who had been staying at his home over a period of 6 months.

R v L - Southwark Crown Court

Defendant charged with inciting a child to engage in sexual activity.

R v V - Eastbourne Youth Court

Defendant charged with rape and having sex with an adult relative. In addition to facing extremely serious

charges, the defendant had severe learning disabilities.

R v AG - Wood Green Crown Court

Defendant charged with assault by penetration.

Appeals

Oliver has appeared before the Court of Appeal on numerous occasions and is experienced in advising and drafting grounds of appeal in a range of criminal matters.

Notable appeals cases

R v B

Successful appeal against a conviction which was found to be unsafe because the judge had been wrong to proceed with the trial in the appellant's absence and the jury should not have been told that he had voluntarily absented himself. The Court did not order a retrial.
