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David has been involved in complex, sensitive and serious cases across the Country over the past decade. A heavyweight criminal practitioner with a focus on matters involving fatality, attempt murder, firearms and drug supply.

Often a leading junior in complex conspiracy cases, he impresses professional and lay clients with a direct, thorough and thoughtful approach to any jury trial.

Expertise

Murder & Manslaughter

Notable Murder & Manslaughter cases

R v Layton (2024)

Trial. Murder. Tried by HHJ Crowson. The Defendant opened the Victim's car door after a dispute and stabbed him to death.

R v Moumeche (2023)

Trial. Junior alone. Trial Judge HHJ Shaun Smith KC. Prosecuting a Silk. Single punch Manslaughter of pensioner in Derby bus station by a then 16 year old boy with the cognitive age of a 13 year old. An exceptionally sensitive and high profile case.

R v Roberts (2023)

Plea. Junior Alone. Defence. Judge Adkin KC at Durham Crown Court. Defendant serving a life sentence tried to cut off another

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inmate's head. Remarkably, the victim survived. Other indictments of s18 on prisoner and attempt 18 on HMP Frankland prison officer. New life sentence passed. Serving at HMP Wakefield in perpetuity.
R v Layton (2021)
Trial. Defence. Led by Bryan Cox KC at Teesside Crown Court. Road rage murder.
R v Murray (2020)
Trial. Defence. Led by Michael Auty KC. Two drive by shootings with firearms. 6 month trial tried by Mr Justice Morris.
R v Barton (2017)
Trial. Defence. Led by Peter Joyce KC. Five handed case. Tried by Mr Justice Jay. Torture and murder of a man at his Nottingham home in the course of a robbery.
R v Maylor (2014)
Trial. Defence. Led by Malcolm Swift KC at Sheffield Crown Court. Alleged murder in a prison cell at HMP Lindholme.
R v Kuzmarskis & Zaremba (2010)
Trial. Prosecution. Led by Greg Dickinson KC at Leicester Crown Court. Two handed manslaughter of a man in Leicestershire. Awarded red bag.
Organised Crime
Notable Organised Crime cases
R v Wheelhouse (2022-2023)
Trial. Defence. One of two lead Defendants in this conspiracy to manufacture firearms by converting blank firing pistols. 6 Defendants in the trial. Tried by the Recorder of Nottingham – HHJ Nirmal Shant KC. Cut throat defence conducted with the other lead Defendant who was represented by Silk.
R v Charnelle Harris (2021)
Trial. Defence. Two men kneecapped a rival Nottingham drug dealer with a handgun. Tried by former Recorder of Nottingham HHJ Greg Dickinson KC. Represented the estranged girlfriend with whom they immediately sought refuge. Assist offender.
R v Lisa Unwin (2020)
Trial. Defence. Tried by HHJ Burgess. 1 month conspiracy trial. Cut short by the pandemic.

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R v Sarah Burgess (2019)	
Trial. Tried by HHJ Sampson. Nottinghan a warning to rival drug dealers.	n. Three Defendants drove in to Radford, Nottingham and discharged a loaded shotgun as
R v Alyas (2015)	
Trial. 3 month 15 handed trial. HHJ Greg Defendant of the smaller group. Leading	Dickinson KC. Cut throat defence. Two rival groups. 5 v 10. Represented the lead cut throat against 10 Defendants.
Sexual Offences (Trial un	nless stated)
Notable Sexual Offences (Tria	al unless stated) cases
R v W (2023)	
Prosecution. Tried by HHJ Coupland in A learning disabled autistic man with an IQ	august 2023. 3 adult Complainants making historic allegations. One of which was a of 45.
R v R (2023)	
Defence. Man alleged to have raped his b	pest friend after an evening's drinking.
R v S (2023)	
Defence. Student accused of choking and	d raping his 'casual partner' in halls of residence at the University of Nottingham.
R v L (2022)	
	ther raping his stepdaughter from the age of $7 - 20$ years old. She bore his child. He made her throughout her life. 26 year sentence.
R v W (2022)	
Defence. Tried by HHJ Mayo. Defendant rape in 1972.	accused of sexually assaulting and raping 3 Complainants. The oldest allegation was a
R v U (2022)	
Prosecution. This Defendant watched a c Tried by HHJ Katrina Sjolin-Knight at Lind	drunk woman enter her address in Lincoln. Followed her into the flat and anally raped her. coln Crown Court.



R v G (2022)
Prosecution. Tried by HHJ Katrina Sjolin-Knight. Defendant accused of raping his partner as she slept and filming it.
R v B (2021)
Plea. Prosecution. Defendant raped his wife and filmed the ordeal. He tried to cut off her thumb. Sentenced by former Recorder of Lincoln HHJ Pini KC.
R v H (2021)
Plea. Prosecution. Man attempted to rape a drunk woman who was lying unconscious on a Lincoln street.
R v C (2019)
Defence. Accused of historic rapes on two Complainants and a recent sexual assault. Tried by HHJ Burgess.
R v S (2018)
Defence. Accused of raping three child family members. Tried by HHJ Sampson.
R v R (2018)
Prosecution. Tried by Recorder of Nottingham. Very high profile Nottingham case. Imam of the Sneinton Mosque sexually abused aboy in his prayer class some 30 years or so ago.
R v R (2018)
Defence. Tried by HHJ Sampson. Rape of Defendant's biological daughter throughout childhood.
R v C (2016)
Defence. Tried by HHJ Egbuna at Derby Crown Court. Defendant raped both his daughters from a young age, one of which bore his child.
R v M (2015)
Defence. Stranger rape on a Derby cycle track in 2001. A DNA hit led to the Defendant who by this time was living at the other end of the Country. Tried by HHJ Sampson.
Drugs (Each of these a Trial)

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Notable Drugs (Each of these a	Trial) cases
R v Kahsai (2023)	
	lants accused of offering to supply cocaine to a student in Nottingham City Centre. An endant punched the Victim and killed him. Represented this Defendant for offer to
R v Holbrook (2023)	
Defence. To be tried in June 2024. Kilos of c	class A brought in to the UK through Liverpool. Multi million pound operation. Ongoing.
R v Bullivant (2018)	
Defence. Tried by HHJ Coupland in a one m	onth trial in Nottingham.
Road Fatalities	
Notable Road Fatalities cases	
R v Haslam (2023)	
•	iend in an accident. The Solicitor General appeared in person in the Court of Appeal to ence. Temporarily the guideline case for category 2 and 3 death by dangerous driving was published in June 2023.
R v Stokes (2023)	
Plea. A young mother lost control of her car road users seriously injured. Sentenced by H	on a County Durham road and killed her 3 year old child and her cousin. Several other HHJ Adkin KC at Durham Crown Court.
R v Caraleaunu (2019)	
Trial. Ultimately resolved. Led by Martin Hes Nottingham. The trial was heard by Mr Justi	lop KC. The Defendant ran over the Deceased on a park and ride car park in ce Smith.

Recent Court of Appeal Appearances

- 2023 Adam Wilson Trading Standards regulatory offences.
- 2023 Daniel Henson s20 sentence.
- $\bullet\,$ 2023 Liam Haslam Defending against the Solicitor General seeking to increase.
- 2022 Heather McGrory Reduction of pregnant woman's conspiracy class A.

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• 2021 – Richard Savage – robbery in the home with an imitation firearm.

Appointments

- CPS Level 4 Panel Advocate
- CPS Specialist Panel: Rape & Serious Sexual Offences

Publications

- Criminal Law Week Issue 23 21st June 2023
- Guest comment page Penned following the Court of Appeal appearance in Haslam (above).

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