



Nick Lane

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Nick Lane is a busy and highly regarded specialist criminal advocate who regularly appears in the most serious cases including those of murder, serious sexual offences, terrorism, and large-scale conspiracies.

Known for being approachable and client focused, Nick has a particular interest in defending vulnerable defendants, be that due to age or mental health issues. Having spent several years serving in the Royal Navy Nick is particularly well placed to defend serving members of the armed forces at Court Martial.

Nick is a Grade 3 prosecutor on the Crown Prosecution Services Advocate Panel, and has extensive experience of the disclosure regime in criminal cases, in particular of highly sensitive material, including the authorisation and supervision of covert intelligence sources.

Expertise

Crime

Notable Crime cases

R v D (2022) - Newcastle Upon Tyne Crown Court

Nick represented an Albanian national convicted of playing a role in a conspiracy to supply cocaine with a street value of several million pounds. Instructed by Jonathan Cousins of Hay & Kilner Solicitors, Wallsend.

R v M (2022) - Newcastle Upon Tyne Crown Court

Nick represented a 15-year-old defendant responsible for the death of another youth. Nick's client was said to have played a

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leading role in a group knife attack committed by at least 10 attackers, all of whom were under the age of 18 at the time of the offence. Nick was led by [Nicholas Lumley KC](#) and instructed by Heather Bolton of Scanlans Solicitors, Sunderland.

R v H (2022) - Newcastle Upon Tyne Crown Court

Nick successfully defended allegations of rape in the context of an intimate relationship. It was the defence case that the complainant had a fantasy about an infamous American serial killer and the alleged criminal behaviour was in fact consensual sexual roleplay. Instructed by Michelle Stonley of Forresters Solicitors, Jarrow.

R v M-C (2021) - Catterick Court Martial Centre

Nick represented a serving soldier alleged to have committed offences of domestic violence against two former partners, both of whom were also serving soldiers. Nick was able to negotiate a package of pleas that meant that at sentence he was able to persuade the Court to allow his client to continue with his military career.

Appointments

- CPS Level 3 Prosecutor

Education

- University of Wales, Aberystwyth
- Solent University, Southampton
- Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- North Eastern Circuit

Speaking

Nick is a regular speaker at conferences, seminars and courses arranged by professional conference organisers, professional associations and in-house.

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