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Year of call 2008

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Nick Lane is a busy specialist criminal advocate who defends and prosecutes in broadly equal measure. His practice covers the full range of criminal offences, including defending serving members of the armed forces at Court Martial. In recent years Nick has been instructed in the most serious criminal cases including terrorism, murder, serious sexual offences and large-scale conspiracies. Approachable and client focused, Nick has a particular interest in defending vulnerable defendants.

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. He has also prosecuted for United Kingdom Border Agency, Department for Work and Pensions, the National Probation Service and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

Areas of Interest

- Criminal Law
- Military Law

Crime

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- *R v W (2019) Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court*
Successfully defended allegations of aggravated burglary and racially aggravated violence. The issue at trial was identification, the victim having claimed to have known the defendant for approximately 10 years.
- *R v J (2019) Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court*
Instructed as Prosecution junior in an allegation of murder. Led by Robert Smith QC.
- *R v C (2018) Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court*
Nick defended an individual facing multiple counts of inciting racial hatred relating to his prominent role in organising at speaking at demonstrations in the Sunderland area. The Crown relied on evidence of his links to far right organisations and attendance at demonstrations across the country. After a 14 day trial the defendant was acquitted of one count and the jury was discharged in relation to the remaining counts.
- *Operation Burton (2018) Teesside Crown Court*
Nick's client was said to have been at the heart of a conspiracy to possess a firearm with intent to endanger life. The prosecution case relied on the evidence of a participating informant and there were significant disclosure issues. However, the case against him was stopped at the close of the prosecution's case, the trial Judge ruling that there was insufficient evidence to support the prosecution case. The remaining defendants were convicted at the end of the trial. Led by Robert Woodcock QC.
- *Operation Shelter (2015-17) Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court*
Instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service Complex Casework Unit as disclosure counsel in a series of trials involving the sexual exploitation of vulnerable young women and girls in the West End of Newcastle. Nick was responsible for reviewing all unused material, including intelligence and third party material. The series of trials attracted significant local and national media attention. Led by John Elvidge QC of Dere Street Barristers.
- *Attorney-General's Reference Nos 82-96 and 104-109 of 2011 [EWCA Crim 155]*
Instructed on behalf of Defendant who fell foul of the provisions of *section 110 of the Power of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000* – (minimum sentence of 7 years imprisonment for third strike possession of Class A drug with intent to supply).
- *Operation Geneva (2011) - Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court*
Defence junior instructed for one of the main conspirators in a large-scale conspiracy to supply cocaine in the North Tyneside area.
- *Operation Sloop (2011) Kingston upon Hull Crown Court*
Prosecution junior in a multimillion pound mortgage fraud.
- *R v Fisher (2011) Carlisle Crown Court*
Prosecution junior in the successful conviction of a serving police officer for gross misconduct in relation to a number of vulnerable women.

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CPS Level 3 Prosecutor

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