

Nicholas Rooke

Barrister

Overview

Nicholas' practice covers all areas of criminal law throughout the North Eastern Circuit. His experience includes prosecuting and defending cases with a wide range of offences including domestic violence and robbery, public order, dishonesty and fraud, production and possession of drugs, burglary and road traffic offences. Nicholas conducts first instance trials; appeals against conviction and sentence, Newton hearings and Proceeds of Crime proceedings.

Since joining Dere Street, Nicholas has developed his practice and regularly appears in the Crown Court, Magistrates Court and Youth Court on behalf of the Defence, the Crown and the Probation Service. Nicholas also regularly acts on behalf of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

Nicholas provides a high level of client and witness care. He has conducted multiple trials with interpreters and sensitively handles vulnerable, young and elderly victims, witnesses and defendants. He is always thoroughly prepared, calm under pressure and persuasive in court.

Notable Cases

R v Steven Blackburn and Others

Co-Defended alongside John Elvidge QC in R v Steven Blackburn et al. At Sheffield Crown Court where four Defendants were charged with attempting to handle stolen goods. The case involved undercover officers posing as genuine sellers of illegal scrap metal to a scrap metal yard. The case was dismissed with large cost implications to the Crown after a successful abuse of process argument.

R v Tom Aitcheson and Linda Aitcheson

Prosecuted the owners of a care home at York Crown Court who committed fraud in excess of £40,000 by stealing from vulnerable residents. Both Defendants received a 2 year custodial sentence.

R v Alfred Wiley

Successfully defended a 4 day trial at York Crown Court in which the Defendant was acquitted of Affray.

R v Patrick Wilson

Successfully represented the Defendant who was acquitted of a drink driving offence at Harrogate Magistrates' Court.



Year Of Call:

2010

Grade of Prosecutor:

Practice Areas

Crime

Continued. . .

R v Gaynor Samantha Thomas

Prosecuted a Midwife during a 6 day trial at the Magistrates' Court who was found guilty of 4 offences of fraud.

R v Aafi Mohammed

Represented the Defendant at Durham Crown Court who pleaded guilty to a Section 18 offence of assault occasioning grievous bodily harm.

R v. Luke Woodward

Representing the Defendant at Teesside Crown Court, appropriately cross-examined a consultant psychiatrist as to the advisability of the Defendant being sentenced to a Restriction Order under section 41 of the Mental Health Act.

R v Adam Hathaway

Prosecuted a Defendant at York Crown Court for five counts of breach of his Sexual Offences Prevention Order, after he was arrested in Barcelona having returned from Thailand. He received a lengthy custodial sentence.

Professional Qualifications

Dalriada School,
Northern Ireland

University of Durham, College of
St Hild and St Bede (2008) B.A.
(Hons) 2.i

Northumbria Law School
(2009) Graduate Diploma
in Law (Commendation)

Northumbria Law School (2010)
Bar Vocational Course
(Very Competent)

Northumbria Law School (2011)
LL.M in Advanced Legal Practice
(Commendation)

The Honourable Society of
Lincolns Inn, The Shelford
Scholarship (2012)

Memberships

The Honourable Society
of Lincoln's Inn

The Criminal Bar Association

Member of the
North Eastern Circuit
