

Roderick Hunt

Barrister

Overview

Rod has extensive experience and expertise in all major areas of criminal law

He regularly acts on behalf of Local Authority and Government Agencies. He is also highly experienced in Court Martial cases.

His main areas of expertise include Murder, Manslaughter, Rape, Informant and Undercover Cases, Drug Trafficking, Child Abuse and Serious Violent Offences, including false memory symptoms and satanic abuse. He has also dealt with Youth Justice and Public Interest immunity cases.

Advocacy experience has been gained in the Crown Court, Divisional Court and Court of Appeal. Rod has always been based in the North of England both in industry and at the bar.

Rod defended "Britain's most wanted man" in the James Allen double murder trial, and on a lighter note "Yob admits attacking women with fake phallus"

In 2017, he defended Kenneth Hugill, an 83 year old farmer charged with GBH after he shot a convicted burglar that he thought was stealing diesel from his isolated farm. Mr Hugill was acquitted, the jury taking only 24 minutes to return their not guilty verdict. Media coverage can be found [here](#).

He also represented Michael Dunn, Teesside Crown Court, convicted and sentenced to 27 years imprisonment for serious sexual offences against young girls and concealing a 14 year old victim in a space behind his fridge, camouflaged with a false wall was guarded by German Shepherd dogs. Media coverage of the matter can be found [here](#).

Rod represented an aristocrat, who caused a three-car crash on a busy road has been cleared of dangerous driving. Lady Susan Zetland, 77, of Aske Hall, near Richmond, North Yorkshire, tried to cross the A66 at the Hargill junction on 4 July. She had admitted careless driving, but denied being dangerous and was cleared of the offence by a jury at Teesside Crown Court. Media coverage of the matter can be found [here](#)

In the matter of R -v- Michael Gilbert – under cross-examination from Rod, an instructor for Arriva said having a bus in "drive" instead of neutral at a stand would not be a fail on a test for a public service vehicle licence resulted in the Crown offering no evidence on charges of causing death by dangerous driving and causing serious injury by dangerous driving. The defendant entered pleas to the lesser charges of causing death by careless driving and careless driving. Media coverage of the proceedings can be found [here](#)



Year Of Call:

1981

Grade of Prosecutor:

RASSO panel member

Practice Areas

Crime

Professional Qualifications

Inns of Court School of Law

1981 Called to Bar,
Middle Temple

MA (Cantab)

Downing College Cambridge

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Notable Cases

- False memory syndrome and hypnosis in historic sex abuse
- Lip reading and covert surveillance in prison in murder
- Human rights and covert surveillance by police in court premises
- Satanic abuse and witchcraft allegations made against parents which led to an “Orkney” style prosecution which closed down an entire section of a north east town
- National paedophile ring operating out of a care home for disturbed children
- Murder by juveniles incorporating necrophilia
- Serial poisoning by wife of successive husbands
- Murder by policeman of own wife
- Murder by children
- Drug dealing by policeman
- Rapes by children upon adults
- Rapes of children by children
- Rapes of adults including extreme violence, group sex and high media profile rape with campaign group attached
- Murders of spouses, neighbours and strangers
- Two cases linked to Irish terrorism which entailed security issues at the highest level
- Drug dealing involving seizures at over £1,000,000 including importation from the USA
- Defence in Hunting Act protest involving direct attack on Prime Minister’s car
- Court martial of Colonel in military intelligence
- Court Martial of RSM accused of serial sexual abuse of young recruits
- Innumerable cases of armed robbery , section 18 violence etc