

Recent cases continued...

*R v Bell* [2019] (Teesside) Defending Vincent Bell who killed his brother Damian Banks by stabbing him through the heart during an argument. Acquitted of murder, convicted of manslaughter. Leading [Anthony Davis](#) of [Dere Street Barristers](#) and instructed by Richmond Anderson Goudie, Durham.

*R v Fletcher* [2019] (Teesside) Defending Craig Fletcher who pleaded guilty to the murder of a guest in his home on Boxing Day 2018. The deceased was subjected to a prolonged assault carried out with Craig Barstow, part of which was recorded on a telephone recovered by the police. The sentencing judge categorised this as a sadistic murder when fixing a 25 year minimum term to be served. Leading [David Lamb](#) of Dere Street Barristers and instructed by BBNM Law, Redcar.

