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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

### Crime

- Criminal Defence
- Civil Actions Against the Police
- Disciplinary Tribunals
- Firearms Law

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Gray's Inn
- Professional Memberships:  
Criminal Bar Association
- Judicial Appointments: Part  
Time Judge of the First Tier  
tribunal (Mental Health)
- Legal Member – Mental Health  
Tribunal for Wales

## PROFILE OVERVIEW

Jonathan Duffy was called to The Bar by Gray's Inn in 2002.

His Criminal Practice is almost exclusively focused on defending in The Crown Court and Court of Appeal. He is appointed to the panel of prosecuting Counsel (at Grade 4) but he rarely prosecutes.

He has defended in some extremely high profile trials, including many cases of Murder (including that involving the principal Defendant accused of the Murder of Rhys Jones in Liverpool), Rape, Serious Drug allegations, Fraud and other serious and grave crime.

Mr Duffy is one of a small number of UK Barristers admitted to the list of advocates authorised to appear before the International Criminal Court at The Hague in cases of War Crime, Genocide and crimes against humanity.

Mr Duffy is also frequently instructed in Appeals to the Crown Court concerning Firearms and Shotgun Certification revocation. Chief Officers of Police are increasingly revoking certificates on the basis of historic or unsupported information and recently, Mr Duffy has assisted many clients successfully challenge such decisions.

He is a registered Pupil Supervisor and is authorised by the Bar Council to accept instructions directly from the Public in appropriate cases.

To provide a flavour of his practice, brief details of some of the cases in which he has appeared are set out below.

Unless stated otherwise, Mr Duffy was instructed for the Defence.

## NOTABLE CASES

### **R v SM 2026**

Currently instructed to defend client accused of conspiracy to defraud of £1m +. Trial due before The Crown Court at Minshull Street in 2026

### **R v JG 2025**

Currently instructed to defend client accused of Rape. Trial due before The Crown Court at Chester in 2025

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### **R v AC 2025**

Currently instructed to defend former police officer charged with terrorism and firearms related offences before The Central Criminal Court. Trial due 2025.

### **R v DB 2025**

Currently instructed to defend former police officer accused of Rape. Trial due before The Crown Court at Liverpool in 2025.

### **R v NB 2024**

Currently instructed to defend client charged with attempted murder before The Crown Court at Teeside. Trial due late 2024.

### **R v JW 2024**

I was instructed to defend client charged with money laundering the proceeds of a £14m Fraud. Trial at The Crown Court at Derby. Client found not guilty.

### **R v YF 2024**

Instructed to defend client charged with several counts of rape and sexual offending before The Crown Court at Minshull Street (Manchester). Client found not guilty of all charges.

### **R v YYW 2024**

Instructed to defend Chinese national charged with Fraud and money laundering. Trial at The Crown Court at Snaresbrook due in 2024.

### **NA v The Post Office 2024**

Currently instructed by NA in his appeal against conviction following his conviction as part of the Horizon Post office scandal in 2011. The matter is under review by the Criminal Cases Review Commission and is expected to conclude in 2024.

### **R v PB 2024**

Currently instructed to defend client charged with causing death by dangerous driving. Trial due in 2024.

### **R v DB 2023**

Instructed as Leading Junior Counsel to defend allegation of serious drugs supply activity in a prosecution before the Crown Court at Lincoln. The prosecution case consists of over one million pages of evidence. Trial due in early 2024.

### **R v PW 2023**

Client charged with concealing the body of a murder victim in a clandestine grave in Leeds in 2011 and associated perverting the course of Justice. Led by Andrew Ford KC.

### **R v SK 2023**

Client charged with violent and sexual assault by penetration on a female after they met in a Bar in Liverpool. Outcome of trial necessitated challenge to expert findings on DNA and factual dispute. Acquitted of all counts.

### **R v DU 2023**

Prosecuted defendant charged with Murder, led by Peter Glenser KC. Case concerned the murder of a man in Liverpool in 2015. Defendant acquitted by the Jury at trial.

### **R v WH 2023**

Client charged with 5 counts of rape, sexual assault and other sexual offences said to have been committed against children. Found not guilty by the Jury following trial before the Crown Court at Liverpool.

### **R v Roland Wedgewood Orekoya 2023**

The Supreme Court – The Falkland Islands

Instructed to respond to an application by The Attorney-General of The Falkland Islands that a sentence imposed upon RWO was unduly lenient. The application, which was heard at The Supreme Court, Stanley, was successfully defeated.

### **R v Morgan 2022**

Instructed as Leading Junior Counsel to defend DM, who was charged with conspiracy to launder £58 million in cash. Trial before The Crown Court at Stoke-on-Trent.

## NOTABLE CASES

### **R v Thorpe 2022**

Defendant charged along with 9 others with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin. Found not guilty by the jury at The Crown Court at Derby.

### **R v Barnett 2022**

Defendant was stopped by police and found to be in possession of a large number of wraps of cocaine, over £1500 in cash and a knife. When spoken to, he fled the scene and ran off. Charged with possession of cocaine with intent to supply and possession of a bladed article. Found not guilty by the Jury.

### **R v K 2022**

Defendant charged with money laundering in alleged large scale drugs/money laundering conspiracy. Trial due late 2022  
<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/timmy-donovan-charged-money-laundering-20680586>

### **R v SE 2022**

Instructed as Leading Junior Counsel to defend client charged with conspiracy to supply Amphetamine after discovery of very large Amphetamine factory. Trial 2023

### **R v GSK 2022**

Instructed as Leading Junior Counsel to defend client, who is one of ten defendants charged with people trafficking. Trial late 2024

### **R v WI & others 2022**

Instructed to Defend four people charged by Trading Standards with manufacturing fake hand sanitiser products during COVID19 pandemic. Trial due in 2023.

### **R v W 2022**

Defendant charged with Assault on police officer. At trial, after legal submissions, the prosecution offered no evidence and Defendant acquitted.

### **R v D 2021**

Represented Defendant charged with 4 counts of Fraud. Following two aborted trials, successful legal argument resulted in prosecution offering no evidence. Defendant acquitted.

### **R v C 2021**

Represented Appellant before The Court of Appeal. Sentence reduced on Appeal.

### **R v PJ 2021**

Defendant charged with Attempted Murder. Acquitted on the grounds of insanity. Sentenced to hospital order.