



Practice Profile

Dickon Reid is a specialist criminal barrister. He has been instructed alone as well as led junior counsel for both the prosecution and defence in a wide range of serious criminal matters.

Dickon regularly appears as junior counsel in lengthy and complicated cases that include all of areas of Financial offending, multi-kilo Class A drugs importations, conspiracies to possess firearms with intent to endanger life and cases involving human trafficking. Dickon is frequently instructed as junior defence counsel in cases of homicide at the Central Criminal Court. He was also junior defence counsel in a conspiracy to murder case in which the five defendants were accused of carrying out a series of vigilante attacks over a two-week period.

He regularly prosecutes and defends in matters of organised crime, sex, violence, drugs and firearms offences. He has also prosecuted and defended a number of confiscation proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and the Drug Trafficking Act 1994.

Regulatory experience includes prosecutions against individuals and companies brought by local authorities in respect of housing and benefit fraud, health and safety & trading standards. Additionally, he has appeared in a number of Courts Martials in Germany and in the United Kingdom.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Dickon was a financial journalist. He was taken on as a tenant after successful completion of a twelve-month pupillage with **Sarah Forshaw QC**.

Dickon's Privacy Policy can be downloaded [here](#).

Areas of Practice

- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- General Crime
- Prosecution
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences
- Financial & Corporate Crime
- Military Law
- Road Traffic
- Cyber Crime
- Homicide
- Terrorism

News

Criminal Appeals Seminar

22 April 2024

5KBW Criminal Appeals Unit is delighted to present the first in a series of seminars on appellate matters:

The Criminal Appeal Office and Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) [CACD]

A practical approach to CACD procedure: **Master Alix Beldam KC**, Registrar of Criminal Appeals

Fresh evidence as a ground of appeal (now and in the future): **Paul Taylor KC**, General Editor of Taylor on Criminal Appeals

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 6pm

Inner Temple Lecture Theatre

Master Beldam KC will discuss the work of the Criminal Appeal Office and the CACD, the procedural framework for launching and pursuing an appeal and the practical issues that often arise.

Paul Taylor KC will analyse the CACD's current approach to grounds of appeal based on fresh evidence. He will also consider potential changes in this area that may follow the recommendations of the Law Commission's Criminal Appeal Project (expected in 2025.)

Please click [here](#) to register your interest in attending this seminar.

OCG jailed for 26 years

13 February 2023

Dickon Reid and Sam Willis prosecuted this organised crime group who were facilitating illegal entry into the UK by providing false passports in exchange for cash. Over a six-week trial, evidence against the seven defendants was presented showing numerous trips to European cities where false passports were handed over to customers of the OCG who then used them to board flights to the UK.

Dickon and Sam were instructed by the CPS East of England Complex Casework Unit.

Gov.uk Yahoo News Article

Recent Cases

Op Vivalas and Kikifeet [CCC] 2024

Revolver found after a stabbing, then a shotgun fired into a home through a letterbox

Dickon Reid and Sam Willis prosecuted the joint case arising from Operations Vivalas and Kikifeet. After a stabbing in North London, police found a loaded Turkish revolver inside the victim's car. Less than 48-hours later, three masked men fired a 12-bore shotgun through the letterbox of a house connected to the stabber. The prosecution's case was that the two incidents were linked - the second being a revenge attack for the first.

R v Keet and Others [Kingston Crown Court] 2022

Britain's Biggest Ever Amphetamine Factory

William Davis leading Dickon Reid prosecuted a man who ran Britain's biggest ever amphetamine factory producing £10m of the drugs a month. He was sentenced for 18 years.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12073391/Gang-boss-ran-Britains-biggest-amphetamine-factory-jailed-18-years.html>

Operation Suina [Kingston] 2019

£8m nationwide Drug Supply operation

Charlotte Newell led Dickon Reid in this 2 month Prosecution of an organised crime network involving 11 Defendants for a multi-million pound nationwide Class A drug dealing operation, the proceeds of which were laundered through a series of sham companies.

News report here.

Operation Eric [Chelmsford] 2018

£3.6m Alcohol duty & VAT evasion fraud

William Davis led Dickon Reid in the prosecution of five defendants charged with a £3.6m alcohol duty and VAT evasion fraud. The ringleaders were importing beer, wine and spirits from Europe using sophisticated mirror loads. Evidentially, the case was complicated and comprised numerous strands including surveillance, phone evidence, CCTV, business records and expert evidence relating to cell site, handwriting and tachographs. The two leading defendants received sentences close to the statutory maximum. Instructed by CPS Special Casework.

News Report Here

R v. Nazzary & ors [C.C.C.] 2018

Gang knife attack

Natasha Wong QC led Dickon Reid in the defence of a vulnerable young man with very limited English who was acquitted of joint enterprise murder and manslaughter as secondary party in alleged gang knife attack involving a drug debt. Instructed by Thomas Boyd Whyte Solicitors.

Operation Tandil [Croydon] 2018

Violent disorder arising out of an attack on an asylum seeker in Croydon

Two linked trials. Jonathan Polnay led Ben Holt in the first and Ben Holt led Dickon Reid in the second. A total of 14 defendants were charged with violent disorder arising out of an attack on an asylum seeker in Croydon. The case attracted international media attention. Instructed to SCU at CPS London.

[Daily Mirror report here](#)

[Daily Mail report here](#)

Operation Kilburn [Maidstone] 2016

Immigration Scam

Edmund Fowler led Dickon Reid for the Crown in this complex multi-handed conspiracies to facilitate the illegal immigration of 83 individuals from France.

Operation Slate [Wood Green] 2016

Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs

Catherine Pattison led Dickon Reid in this case involving ten defendants charged with supplying large quantities of heroin across North London.

R v. M & ors [Snaresbrook] 2016

Conspiracies to Rob

Dickon Reid was led by Peter Clement in this case involving six defendants charged with conspiracy to rob. The defendants were part of a group responsible for a number of robberies in East London during which victims were attacked with a baseball bat.

R v. J & ors [Isleworth] 2016

Supply of Firearms & Ammunition

Robert Ellison led Dickon Reid in this case involving four defendants charged with possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life, possession of cannabis with intent to supply and with the supply of firearms and ammunition. The defendants were accused of robbing drug dealers at gunpoint of cash and drugs.

Operation Sifiye [Snaresbrook] 2016

Conspiracy to import cocaine

Catherine Pattison led Dickon Reid in this case involving thirteen defendants charged with conspiring to import large quantities of cocaine secreted in golf clubs and golf bags. Two trials involving complicated telephone evidence lasted a total of five and a half months in 2015-2016.

Operation Crow [Maidstone] 2015

Conspiracy to import cocaine

Ben Temple led Dickon Reid in this case involving fourteen defendants charged with conspiracy to import cocaine, amphetamine and cannabis into the United Kingdom.

Notable Cases

R v. Thompson [Aylesbury] 2013

Historic Sex Abuse

Sarah Forshaw QC leading Dickon Reid successfully represented this defendant who had Aspergers and was charged and cleared of 42 counts of historic sexual assaults. The defendant had similar fact previous convictions which were renewed to the Court of Appeal and subsequently overturned. Instructed by Edward Hayes LLP. [Internet report here.](#)

R v. B & ors [Winchester] 2011

Conspiracy to Murder

Mark Heywood QC led Dickon Reid for a defendant cleared of his involvement in a five-handed conspiracy to murder case in which the defendants were accused of carrying out a series of vigilante attacks over a two-week period. Instructed by Blackfords LLP.

R v. M & anr [C.C.C.] 2010

Murder

Sarah Forshaw QC led Dickon Reid Four-week murder trial at the Central Criminal Court in which the defendant was accused of murdering his ex-wife.