

# William Sneddon

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William practices across all areas of criminal law, and is regularly instructed in serious and complex matters as sole or led junior counsel.

His busy Crown Court practice has a particular focus on cases involving violence, drug supply, firearms, and sexual misconduct. Among his recent instructions as junior trial counsel are cases involving murder, conspiracy to defraud over £10m, and significant class A drug supply.

He has a calm and approachable manner with his clients and presents robust and persuasive advocacy in the courtroom. William has significant experience representing youth clients and clients with mental illness where his careful questioning and sympathetic demeanour enable him to elicit the highest-quality evidence. He is known for his comprehensive trial preparation and attention to detail. He can deal confidently with large volumes of documentary and expert evidence in respect of telephone and cell-site data, DNA, and other forms of forensic evidence, weaving this into compelling case narratives.

In addition to his trial work, William has obtained leave to appeals in both the Court of Appeal and the High Court. Most recently, he successfully applied to overturn his client's conviction after it was discovered that one of the jurors had been conducting their own independent research.

Before his call to the Bar, William gained a range of specialist experience. He spent a year working for a boutique law firm in Malaysia, drafting appellate submissions for the Malaysian Federal Court that were instrumental in achieving the exoneration of death-row inmates charged with either murder or drug trafficking. Prior to this, he spent nine months in the USA, investigating and preparing capital defence cases with Mississippi's Office of Capital Defense Counsel. He also spent a year practising civil law during his time as a County Court Advocate.

## Expertise

### Criminal Appeals

## Cases

### R v MD [Court of Appeal]

Appeal against sentence | [Read more](#)

## Business & Financial Crime

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## Cases

### R v ML [Kingston Crown Court]

Conspiracy to Defraud | [Read more](#)

## General Crime

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## Cases

### R v A [Southampton Crown Court]

Large Scale Dealing of Drugs & Firearms Possession | [Read more](#)

### R v GH [Chelmsford Crown Court]

Application to Dismiss | [Read more](#)

### R v CS [Southwark Crown Court]

ABH, Malicious Communications & Racially Aggravated Harassment with Violence | [Read more](#)

### R v KS [Senior Courts Cost Office]

Costs Appeal | [Read more](#)

### R v DC [Huntingdon Crown Court]

Trial (Breach of Restraining Order x 3; Harassment (with fear of violence); Common Assault) | [Read more](#)

### R v SR [Wood Green Crown Court]

Trial (being concerned in the supply of cocaine) | [Read more](#)

### R v AS [Bromley Youth Court]

Trial (Wounding with Intent) | [Read more](#)

### R v SE & FE [Highbury Magistrates Court]

Public Order 1986, Section 4A | [Read more](#)

### R v Wayne [Court of Appeal]

Appeal against sentence - dwelling burglary, harassment, and criminal damage | [Read more](#)

### R v TB [Highbury Youth Court]

Conspiracy to commit robbery | [Read more](#)

### R v JC [Chelmsford Youth Court]

Conspiracy to supply Class A drugs x 2 | [Read more](#)

### R v KR [Maidstone Crown Court]

Dwelling burglary and dangerous driving | [Read more](#)

## Homicide (Murder & Manslaughter)

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### Cases

#### R v KS [Central Criminal Court]

Murder of a Child | [Read more](#)

## Private Prosecutions

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### Cases

#### R v CS [Southwark Crown Court]

ABH, Malicious Communications & Racially Aggravated Harassment with Violence | [Read more](#)

## Regulatory

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### Cases

#### R v KS [Senior Courts Cost Office]

Costs Appeal | [Read more](#)

## Serious & Organised Crime

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### Cases

#### R v A [Southampton Crown Court]

Large Scale Dealing of Drugs & Firearms Possession | [Read more](#)

#### R v BK [Southwark Crown Court]

Conspiracy to Murder | [Read more](#)

## Sexual Offences

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### Cases

#### R v CW [Kingston Crown Court]

Making Indecent Images | [Read more](#)

#### R v MD [Court of Appeal]

Appeal against sentence | [Read more](#)

## Related expertise

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Business & Financial Crime

Criminal Appeals

General Crime

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Homicide (Murder & Manslaughter)

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Public Access

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Sexual Offences

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## Other Information

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### Appointments

- CPS General Crime Panel (Grade 2)
- Judicial Reverse Mentor
- President of the Inner Temple Junior Bar Association (2022 – 2024)
- Treasurer of the Inner Temple Junior Bar Association (2020 – 2022)
- **Social Mobility Advocate** of the Bar Council of England and Wales (2021)

### Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Young Legal Aid Lawyers
- South Eastern Circuit
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

### Publications

- Malaysia's Test for Incompetence of Counsel, Outdated from its inception? [2019] 5 MLJ xviii

### Qualifications

- Pegasus Scholarship (Washington, USA), Pegasus Trust (2021)
- Award for Excellence in Advocacy, Criminal Bar Association (2019)
- Ede and Ravenscroft Prize, Inner Temple (2018)
- Internship Award, Inner Temple (2016)
- Travel Award, Northumbria University (2016)
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- Winner, Bar Mooting Competition, Northumbria University (2015)
- Exhibition Award, Inner Temple (2015)