



Practice Profile

Dominic Webber is an experienced criminal practitioner. During his lengthy career he has demonstrated fearlessly independent advocacy, both as a leading junior and acting alone, specialising in Crown Court defence work in the South East of England.

He considers that the most important qualities in a criminal advocate are courage, determination and thorough preparation, including mastering the factual detail of a case and the increasingly complex legal provisions, guidelines etc. that currently apply in almost every case. Dominic has particular expertise in port/border, drug trafficking and sexual offences, including cases alleging child abuse. Over the years, he has appeared in numerous reported cases in the Court of Appeal and in cases that have appeared in the national news.

Dominic specialised in jurisprudence in his final year at university, when reading philosophy, he lives in the countryside and rides horses.

Areas of Practice

- General Crime
- Sexual Offences
- Fraud & Financial Crime
- Homicide & Corporate Manslaughter
- Appellate
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Military Law
- Road Traffic
- Serious & Organised Crime

Reported Cases:

- (2003) R. v Humphrey (Raymond Leslie) [2004] 1 Cr. App. R. (S.) 39
- (1997) R. v Mazo (Ellen) [1997] 2 Cr. App. R. 518 [1996] Crim. L.R. 435
- (1992) R. v Gill (Simon Imran) (1993) 97 Cr. App. R. 215; (1993) 97 Cr. App. R. 215

Memberships:

- South Eastern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Liberty

Recent Cases

R v. V & 7 ors [C.C.C] 2018

Large scale human trafficking operation

Dominic Webber represented this defendant, one of only two defendants to be acquitted, following a 3 month Old Bailey trial concerning a Kent based gang accused of smuggling migrants into the UK. Instructed by Martyn Hewett Solicitors.

[BBC report here](#)

[Daily Mail report here](#)

R v. B [Southwark] 2017

Threats to kill and persistent domestic violence

Dominic Webber secured the acquittal of this vulnerable and suicidal defendant who was on the autistic spectrum. He was accused of threatening to kill the mother of his baby son whilst pressing a shard of glass into her neck. It was also alleged that he had just thrown the headboard of a bed at her head which impacted with her face. The defendant maintained that the allegation was fabricated and photos relied upon were of injuries inflicted by another on an earlier occasion. The defendant was also cleared of all other domestic violence offences alleged and assaulting the complainant's father. He maintained that another was responsible in relation to the complainant and the defendant was the victim of violence perpetrated by the father. Instructed by Martyn Hewett Solicitors.

R v. H [Canterbury] 2017

Historic allegation of sexual touching by Male nurse

Dominic Webber successfully defended this male nurse who faced an historic allegation of sexual touching of a mentally disordered patient behind the curtains on a Hospital ward. Instructed by Martyn Hewett Solicitors.

R v. Hood [Canterbury] 2017

Sexual Assault of 16 year old male student

Dominic Webber secured the acquittal of a 50 year old woman alleged to have sexually assaulted at work a 16 year old male student doing a summer job.

[News report here.](#)

R. v. B [Canterbury] 2017

Historic rape allegation of previous girlfriend

Dominic Webber successfully defended a male cleared of all charges in this case involving 8 counts of rape of a former girlfriend during their relationship which had ended two years prior to his charge. The offences were alleged to have been committed over a two year period.

R v. D [Canterbury] 2016

Attempted rape and sexual assault

Dominic Webber successfully secured the acquittal of a man alleged to have joined in with another (who was convicted) in the attempted rape of a young woman on her way home late at night. (Convicted of two other less serious offences)

Daily Mail report [here](#).

R v. B [AG Reference] 2016

Blackmail

Dominic Webber represented this defendant before the Court of Appeal for offences relating to Blackmail and payment of £30,000 after threats to family.

News report [here](#).

R v. W [Inner London] 2016

Sexual Assaults & Indecent Images

Dominic Webber represented this defendant who was cleared of sexual abuse of a child and downloading indecent images.

R v. S [Canterbury] 2016

GBH

Dominic Webber represented this undergraduate whom was cleared of a violent assault upon a fellow student.

R v. S [Maidstone] 2016

Sc18 Wounding by Stabbing

Dominic Webber successfully defended in this case alleging the stabbing in the upper thigh from behind of a youth in an alley way.

R v. B [Canterbury] 2015

Importation of 18kg of Cocaine & 2kg of Heroin

Dominic Webber defended this lorry driver who was cleared of all charges in respect of the importation of 2kg of heroin and 18kg of cocaine in holdall on an HGV trailer.

R v. K [Canterbury] 2015

Sc18 Wounding

Dominic Webber successfully defended this alleged sc18 wounding with intent, defence of self-defence, with the victim suffering multiple knife wounds.

R v. A [AG Reference] 2014

Underage Sexual Activity

Dominic Webber represented this Mum off 44 who had sexual relationship with a 14 year old boy has suspended sentence overturned by the COA.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/mum-44-who-sex-boy-4371972>

R v. T [Woolwich] 2014

Historic Sex Abuse

Dominic Webber defended in this historic sexual assault by 12 year old girl on very young siblings, no evidence offered following skeleton argument arguing abuse of process because facts investigated at the time but not prosecuted.

R v. W [Canterbury] 2014

Rape

Dominic Webber successfully defended in this assault by penetration and other sexual offences of 10 year old girl by elderly relative who was cleared of all charges.