



Practice Profile

Nick Robinson is an experienced and sought after defence advocate in cases of the utmost gravity and complexity, both as junior alone and as a led junior.

He has represented defendants charged with cases across the spectrum of criminal offences, including murder, serious violence, the importation and supply of drugs, rape and sexual assault, robbery, the possession and use of firearms and burglary. Nick has considerable experience in matters related to the proceeds of crime including confiscation proceedings and civil cash forfeiture proceedings.

In addition, Nick has significant experience in quasi-criminal cases, acting both for the prosecution and the defence. His experience includes cases involving stalking protection orders, breaches of planning orders, offences involving protected trees and applications for the imposition of CBOs. Nick is regularly instructed by local authorities and is able to provide advice from before any proceedings are brought, through to the final hearing itself and in any confiscation proceedings which follow.

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

Areas of Practice

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

Appointments / Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit

News

5KBW wins “Crime Set of the Year 2024” at the prestigious Chambers UK Bar Awards

15 November 2024

We are absolutely delighted to announce that 5 King's Bench Walk was awarded "Crime Set of the Year Award 2024" at the Chambers UK Bar Awards held at Old Billingsgate on 15 November. This is Chambers' 5th nomination for the prestigious Chambers UK Bar Awards in the field of Crime. We are very proud to have won this award for the second time in 5 years.

Commenting on the awards, Heads of Chambers at 5 King's Bench Walk, Sarah Forshaw KC and Mark Heywood KC said:

"We are absolutely delighted that 5KBW has been recognised once again as the UK's pre-eminent Crime Set. It is testament to the outstanding ability of every member of our Chambers, to our excellent clerking services and to our administrative staff. The shortlists and ultimate awards are the result of extensive research by Chambers and Partners. We could not be more proud.

That our own Louise Oakley also carried away the award for 'Crime Junior of the Year' is the icing on the cake. She is, quite simply, a star."



Acquittal for Wounding with Intent

18 November 2023

Nick Robinson instructed by Safiya Sinclair and Lokaswaran Dharshini of Bark & Co secured an acquittal for a man charged with three offences of wounding with intent. It was alleged that the defendant was illegally occupying a property and that when the letting agent brought round a new prospective tenant, the defendant had launched an attack, armed with a knife, causing a total of 18 wounds to the three victims. However, the defence were able to establish that the defendant was in fact lawfully resident in the property and that the lettings company had been attempting to force him out of the property through intimidation. In addition, it could be shown that the three men had entered his property as trespassers and stolen items belonging to him. Ultimately, the jury accepted his defence of self defence and protection of property.

Recent Cases

R v C [Chelmsford] 2022

Defending in multi-handed murder

Danny Robinson QC lead Nick Robinson on a multi-handed murder of a woman who died from head injuries,

following a fight. During the lengthy trial, the Judge decided there was not enough evidence for our client to be charged with murder or manslaughter. C was found guilty of ABH and sentenced to 6 months. Counsel was instructed by Martin Tracy of Brooklyn Law Solicitors.

R v X [Central Criminal Court] 2018

Conspiracy to commit GBH with intent

Nick Robinson acted for this 16 year old defendant who was accused of conspiring to commit GBH with intent. The case concerned a large fight outside a 16th birthday party in east London, which escalated to the point that the victim was fatally stabbed by a co-defendant. The defendant was said to be part of group who chased the victim before attacking him when he fell to the ground. Instructed by Talia Coles of Edwards Duthie.

[News report here](#)

R v Y [Snaresbrook] 2018

Armed robbery and Blackmail

Nick Robinson acted for this young defendant who was accused of armed robbery and blackmail committed against a boy who went to his school. The case was dismissed at the conclusion of the prosecution case and the defendant was acquitted of all charges. Instructed by Phil Emery of Emery Halil & Brown.

R v JP [Snaresbrook] 2018

Supply of Cocaine

Nick Robinson acted for this defendant accused of conspiring to supply 3kg of highly pure cocaine into the Isle of Dogs. Instructed by Duncan Frost of Foxes Solicitors.

R v FA [Inner London] 2017

Rape of 13 year old school girl

Nick Robinson acted for this defendant accused of persuading a 13 year-old school girl to come to his flat, before raping and sexually assaulting her. Instructed by Brady Eastwood Pierce Solicitors.

R v CG [Snaresbrook] 2017

Conspiracies to commit Armed Robberies

Nick Robinson acted for the defendant who was cleared of all charges in this conspiracy to commit armed robberies. Defendant was one of a number of teenagers involved in a conspiracy to commit 22 knife point robberies of taxi drivers in East London. Instructed by The Stokoe Partnership.

R v DM [Wood Green] 2017

Sexual Assault

Nick Robinson acted for the defendant who was cleared following this Sexual Assault trial. The defendant was charged with sexually assaulting his teenage step-daughter, including by biting her breast. Instructed by The Stokoe Partnership.

R v JS [Kingston] 2017

Sc18 'Stabbing'

Nick Robinson acted for the defendant was cleared of Section 18 GBH, the defendant having been charged with attacking and stabbing the complainant following a dispute after a night out. Instructed by Goldkorns.

R v. JB [Basildon] 2016

Historic Sex Abuse

Nick Robinson acted in this Historic Sexual abuse case. The defendant accused of a series of indecent assaults committed against his twin daughters, in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Instructed by EBR Attridge.

R v SH [Inner London] 2016

Sc18 Wounding

Nick Robinson acted for the defence in this Section 18 GBH. The defendant charged with attacking her on/off partner with a glass bottle. Both defendant and victim were vulnerable adults. The defendant was acquitted following a trial. Instructed by Goldkorns.

R v. HB & ors [Southwark] 2015

Conspiracy to handle stole mobile telephones

Nick Robinson was the Led junior in a case involving the organised and dishonest trading in an estimated £5million of stolen mobile phones. The case involved several months of covert video and audio recordings, taken from within the storage facility which the gang operated from. Instructed by MTG Solicitors.

R v. AH & ors [Woolwich] 2015

Large scale Supply of Cocaine & Heroin

Nick Robinson acted for this defendant, charged with conspiracy to supply cocaine and heroin. The trial, which lasted several weeks, involved a London based gang who operated a 'drugs line' in Hertfordshire. Instructed by Goldkorns.

R v JH [Woolwich] 2015

Sc18 'Hammer Attack'

Nick Robinson acted in this Section 18 GBH. The defendant was charged following a frenzied hammer attack during the course of a landlord and tenant dispute. Instructed by Goldkorns.