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Andrew Newton is a highly experienced defence counsel who has acted as leading counsel in cases involving conspiracy to murder, multi count armed robbery and possession of firearms with intent to endanger life.

He has been instructed as junior counsel to Queen's Counsel in murder cases, conspiracy to murder and other cases such as people trafficking and conspiracy to control prostitution.

In addition he has conducted attempted murder trials acting alone for the defence as well as a wide range of serious trials including multi count violent disorder , conspiracy to commit blackmail and kidnap, large scale importation of class A and class B drugs , causing death by dangerous driving , large scale benefit fraud , conspiracy to burgle and handle stolen goods and numerous cases involving grievous bodily harm with intent.

Criminal Defence

R v B Leading counsel in multi handed conspiracy to control prostitution and people trafficking.

R v M at CCC – Alleged harassment of his sister and 16 year old nephew. A series of threats to kill were apparently reported on his cell phone from prison. He was recalled from a life licence for a Glasgow gang land drugs shooting murder for which he got life in 1989 with a minimum recommendation of 25 years. He served 29 and a half years. He was then accused of embarking on a sustained campaign of intimidation against his sister and 16 year old nephew over attempts to get him recalled to prison to serve his life licence. His previous conviction for murder was admitted before the Jury. He was acquitted unanimously by the jury in 1 hour and 15 minutes.

R v C – 2020 – Wood Green CC – Leading counsel in multi – handed trial indicted with conspiracy to supply class A drugs , conspiracy to keep a brothel for purposes of prostitution and large scale money laundering. Acquitted of brothel keeping and money laundering

R v A – Leading counsel in conspiracy to murder trial involving allegations of



tracking a vehicle and occupants with subsequent shooting of driver and passenger. Secured acquittal on count of conspiracy to murder.

R v R – Acquittal on counts of blackmail and false imprisonment in multi defendant trial lasting several weeks.

R v P – One of first serious acid attack grievous bodily harm trials.

R v G – Junior counsel to Queen's counsel in a murder trial resulting in an acquittal on count of murder with a conviction for manslaughter on basis of loss of control.

R v F – Leading counsel for principal defendant in lengthy trial involving multi count armed robberies and possession of firearms with intent to endanger life.

R v J – Leading case on people trafficking and controlling prostitution. Led by Queen's Counsel.

R v F – Indicted with attempted murder by son of dementia suffering mother , negotiated plea to threats to kill and sentenced to community order.

Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

Awards, Qualifications & Other

Exeter College, Oxford, MA (OXON)

Direct Access

Andrew Newton is approved to accept instructions direct from international and UK clients on a direct access basis, without the need for a solicitor intermediary in appropriate cases.