

Dominic Benthall

Dominic is instructed as to defend and prosecute in all areas of crime, including; historic sexual allegations, serious violence, armed robbery and high-level drugs cases.

He is known for dealing with his cases with maximum commitment and minimum fuss.

Defence cases

Sex cases

R v PK – defending historic multiple child rape (KUTCC) - 2023

R v LC – defending historic marital rape (Croydon CC) - 2023

R v MB – defending historic multiple rape / sexual assaults of 4 family members – (Snaresbrook CC) - 2023

R v RW – defending historic rapes of 8 male complainants (Woolwich CC) – 2022

R v SOA – defending multiple rapes of a homeless man (Manchester CC) – 2022

R v SMcQ – defending infantilisation / sexual assault of child relation (Canterbury CC) - 2022

R v MS – defending GP accused of multiple sexual allegations (Central Criminal Court) – 2021

R v DS – defending mother accused of multiple sexual / child cruelty offences in relation to her daughter (Norwich CC) – 2021

R v ZA – ‘the Oxford grooming case’ – (Central Criminal Court) - 2013

High-level drug importation / drugs cases

R v CL – defending conspiracy to supply very significant quantities of cocaine (Chelmsford CC) - 2022

R v DG – defending Encrochat conspiracy to supply very significant quantities of cocaine (Isleworth CC) - 2022

R v MT – defending importation of 242kgs of cocaine into UK (Canterbury CC) – 2021

R v GVE – defending importation of 140kgs of cocaine into UK (Canterbury CC) – 2020

Serious violence

R v MK – defending perverting the course of justice following murder in Wood Green (Harrow CC) – 2023

R v AW – defending s.18 GBH (Croydon CC) – 2023

R v ED – defending s.18 wounding (WGCC) – 2023

R v NM – defending s.18 wounding (Reading CC) – 2023

R v OA – defending s.18 wounding (WGCC) – 2023

R v KS – defending child accused of s.18 GBH (Hove CC) - 2023

Modern Slavery defence

R v RH – successful Modern Slavery defence in conspiracy to supply drugs case (25 year old defendant) – (Inner London CC) – 2023

Murder

R v GG (led by KC) – murder of farmer by wife and her lover – (St. Albans CC) 2018

Prosecution cases

Dominic is a grade 3 CPS advocate.

Murder

R v DH and MF (junior counsel) – (Reading CC) – 2022

Dominic is appointed to the CPS Advocates List (Grade 3) and prosecutes for HM Revenue and Customs.

“A thoughtful advocate with excellent judgement. Each client has been able to form an identifiable bond with Dominic who will explain and advise them cautiously and accurately. Dominic attracts praise from those who co-defend. Dominic oozes charisma.” (Legal 500, 2021)

“His understated and calm style gains the trust of the judge and jury.” (Legal 500, 2020)

“He has a temperate demeanour, which alongside his persuasive oratory is influential on juries.” (Legal 500, 2019)

Qualifications

MA (Hons.) Edinburgh

Diploma in Law

Direct access qualified

Registered pupil supervisor

Professional Associations

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

In his spare time, Dom enjoys cooking, listening to music, playing music and walking in the countryside.

