

Thomas Evans

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Sexual offences

A Crown Court advocate, Tom represents Defendants in cases of serious sexual offences. He will appear in the Magistrates' Court on a direct access or private basis. Acting alone he has conducted cases of sexual assault (including historical accusations).

Tom is ranked as a leading individual in the Legal 500: described as "calm, measured and conspicuously good for his year of call." He is recognised as a skilled advocate and talented tactician representing clients charged with offences of the upmost seriousness and complexity. His practice encompasses the fields of general and regulatory crime. He also prosecutes for the Crown Prosecution Service and other agencies.

Cases of note are:-

R v R [2020]

An allegation of sexual touching of a child under 13, the Defendant was said to have entered the bedroom of his partner's daughter and touched her inappropriately. The Defendant was unanimously acquitted after trial.

R v R [2019/20]

A historical allegation of sexual touching of the Defendant's step-granddaughter. Following a contested trial, the jury were unable to return verdicts. At the Complainant's request the Crown did not pursue a retrial and no evidence was offered against Tom's client.

R v B: Buggery [2018]

A historical allegation of anal rape on two separate occasions made against the Defendant by his step-brother. Following the Defendant's conviction, the Judge found that in the 'exceptional circumstances' of the case the Defendant should receive a suspended sentence of imprisonment.

R v C: Sexual activity with a child [2016]

The Defendant was alleged to have touched his step-sister indecently on a number of separate occasions. Following a 7-day trial the Defendant was unanimously acquitted.

R v L [2014]

Indecent Assault: Client acquitted unanimously of historical allegation.

R v T [2014]

Sexual Assault: charges dropped by the prosecution following a review of the evidence on the morning of trial.

R v J [2014]

Sexual activity with a child: Client faced accusations in relation to two separate girls. He entered guilty pleas on a basis to five out of six counts and was dealt with as a dangerous offender owing to his previous conviction for the same offence.

Recommendations

Thomas Evans boasts impressive experience acting as lead counsel in criminal proceedings and appearing in the Court of Appeal. His practice covers organised crime, charges of homicide, GBH and arson.

Strengths: "He is able to quickly grasp complex technological information and detail." "Thomas's advocacy skills are excellent."

Chambers UK 2024/Crime/Western Bar

Strengths: "He is a very skilled advocate and cerebral counsel."

"Thomas is an extremely accomplished, knowledgeable and hard-working barrister who goes over and above in case preparation."

"Thomas is a rising star. He is bright, tenacious and very effective in court."

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Strengths: "His eloquence in court captivates the jury."

Recent work: Appeared on behalf of a defendant charged with causing death by careless driving.

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'demonstrates an agility of mind and perspicacity possessed by very few indeed'.

'He has masses of common sense and gets to the nub of cases very quickly. He is highly intelligent, a very effective advocate, and judges like him.'

Legal 500 2024/Crime (General and Fraud)/Leading Junior/ Western Circuit

'A dedicated advocate who is well liked by clients.'

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'A forceful, hard-working, tactically astute advocate.'

Legal 500 2022/Crime (General and Fraud)/Leading Junior/Western Circuit

'Tom is always well-prepared and on top of his brief. He has clearly thought about it in detail. His speeches are assured and well-constructed. He is calm, measured and conspicuously good at his job for his level of call. He engenders confidence in the trial judge, jury, client and opponents alike. A very good and talented barrister.'

Legal 500 2021/Crime

"Mr Evans came to 'his fore' when cross-examining the defendant. I have been party to many a prosecution cross-examination, but his delivery and attention to detail was the best I have ever witnessed, it was clever and directed at the appropriate level. I was most impressed that the defence barrister was to comment that the cross-examination was "forensic and exact". His direct cross-examination ultimately caused the defendant to enter a "guilty" plea mid-way through his evidence."

CPS court case – Officer in the case.

"Just a quick letter to say thank you for the result we had in court. The barrister you gave me was brilliant and couldn't have done better. Please tell Mr Evans I said thank you, his final speech was amazing with great attention to detail." **Lay client acquitted of s.18 GBH to instructing solicitor.**

"Tom - I just wanted to say thank you for all your efforts.

I have always found the law fascinating. My grandmother was one of the first female Magistrates, my grandfather, father and brother are all lawyers. So I have always been surrounded in the language of the law and during many lunches and suppers we would debate the meaning of certain words.

Yesterday was a fantastic example of a Barrister using diplomacy and tenacity in equal measure to make your point in regards to the substantive / significant point of law. It will no doubt become an incidental footnote in just another legal brief - but it was an important matter that needed to be brought to the courts attention and one which you made eloquently and resolutely.

Your job must be incredibly rewarding when the court makes a decision that both the prosecution and defence believe to be best for all parties. I believed we reached that equilibrium yesterday and I will always be indebted to you for helping the judge reach that decision."

Lay client who narrowly avoided an immediate sentence of imprisonment following his guilty pleas to two counts of causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Academic qualifications

- BVC, College of Law - Very Competent
- GDL, College of Law - Commendation
- BA (Hons) History, University of Sussex - 2.1
- Winner of the 2010 College of Law BVC Mooting Competition
- Winner of the 2010 Inter-Varsity Mooting Competition

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Serious Crime panel
- CPS Grade 3 Prosecutor
- Former member of the Treasury Solicitors' Junior Junior Panel