Nicholas Rhodes KC*

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Nicholas Rhodes KC is a highly regarded advocate experienced in business and regulatory crime, specialising in serious commercial fraud, bribery and corruption, financial crime. Considered approachable and client-friendly with a hard-hitting court style, Nick has extensive experience also in serious criminal offences, including homicide, organised crime and serious sexual offences, in trials conducted in the UK, Northern Ireland, and the Cayman Islands.

Nick's practice includes advising and representing UK and overseas commercial organisations, legal and finance professionals, on corporate governance issues, regulatory compliance, Financial Services regulation, and corporate criminal liabilities from the earliest pre-litigation stage through the processes of investigation and before the Courts or Tribunals. Appointed Recorder in 2002, he is authorised to deal with serious sexual offences. He has extensive experience of conducting trials concerning the most serious criminal allegations, which include homicide, organised criminal activities and serious sexual offences.

Nick provides advice and guidance to commercial organisations, directors and professionals, in respect of professional regulators including the SRA and FCA regulation under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and the Conduct of Business Rules of UK Financial Services. He advises on criminal and regulatory liabilities arising in the governance of companies, including bribery and corruption, accounting and money laundering regulations, asset forfeiture and recovery and corporate manslaughter. He has experience of 'blue bag' disclosure relating to legally privileged documentation in the course of inquest and investigation. His practice includes advising on trade restrictions in restricted countries, Export Control Orders and sanctions relating to arms dealing.

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Education

LLB (Hons)
Recorder (Crown Court)

Notable Cases

Homicide cases

R v. Akram (Sheffield) – Murder by deaf defendant w/in the Leicester deaf community. The entire trial conducted in sign language with the assistance of intermediaries.

R v. Anderson and Anderson (Reading) – Gangland/revenge knife-point murder in Newbury.

R v. Anstice (St Albans) – Murder of ex-wife. Trial issues included issues of mental health.

R v. Connors (Sheffield) – Revenge/murder after uninvited attendance at a house party.
R v. Cross and Others (Chelmsford) – Murder following false imprisonment, torture, beating and abandonment of a body.
R v. Dale (Oxford) – Murder, torture and mutilation of a woman lured to a caravan park. The trial included issues of mental health.
R v. Felisi (St Albans) – Murder and mutilation of a work colleague.
R v. G (Sheffield) – Murder in the course of homophobic attack.
R v. Hinkler (Sheffield) – 'One punch' murder by amateur boxer in gang fight outside nightclub.
R v. I (Birmingham) – Murder of woman in a frenzied knife attack.
R v. L (Sheffield) – Manslaughter of husband from single blow
R v. Mehmood (Sheffield) – Murder following the ritualised killing of a work colleague at Halal Abattoir.
R v. M and others (Sheffield) – Gangland murder within the Somali community by 13-year-old youth using sawn-off shotgun and others variously armed.
R v. Nelson (Birmingham) – Murder following torture of victim by beating, stabbing, asphyxiating and finally burning to death.
R v. O (Central Criminal Court)– Allegations of murder and unlawful act manslaughter in London street.
R v. Siddique (Central Criminal Court) – Unprovoked murder with a knife in street of a stranger.
R v. Taylor (Birmingham) – Gangland murder following ambush outside a nightclub in Birmingham City Centre
R v. Vincent & others (Luton) – OCG commissioned murder of major gangland figure by 'underworld enforcer' using an AK47.
R v. W and others (Central Criminal Court) – Conspiracy to murder arising from falling out within international drug smuggling OCG.
R v. Wainwright (Teeside) – Unprovoked murder of work colleague.
R v. W and others (Sheffield) – OCG ambush and murder of criminal opponent using a firearm.
R v. Ebanks and others (Grand Cayman)– Murder of security guard in the course of robbery of the National Bank.
R v. Robinson (Grand Cayman) – Gangland revenge murder in Grand Cayman

Serious Sexual Offences

R v. A (Snaresbrook) – Campaign of rape and sexual attacks upon 6 women on different occasions.
R v. M (Kingston) – Historic sexual abuse of boy and girl

R v. W (Liverpool) – Historic sexual abuse and grooming of numerous girls
R v. H (Guildford) – Rape of victim suffering severe learning difficulties by professional carer.

Serious Fraud, Bribery and Corruption

R v. K & Others (Southwark) – Carousel and VAT fraud.
R v. S & Others (Southwark) – VAT and accounting fraud.
R v. K (Southwark) – Politician accused of Fraud, Bribery and Corruption in construction and planning.
R v. H & Others (Nottingham) – SFO prosecution of senior city solicitor in magic circle firm for conspiracy to defraud, pervert the course of public justice and perjury in relation to the conduct of commercial litigation.