

Redmond Traynor

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Redmond Traynor practices in the defence of individuals accused of criminal offences, and before their regulatory bodies.

He has expertise in cases involving young or otherwise vulnerable defendants. He has acted in cases involving a broad range of criminal offences, but with a focus upon offences of serious violence, drug supply and fraud.

Redmond has a growing practice in matters relating to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. In particular, he has experience advising companies who have been made subject to Account Freezing Orders, and has defended in applications for cash forfeiture brought by the police. Recently, Redmond acted on behalf of a well-known London auction house in restraint proceedings relating to high-value antiques. He has also acted for defendants in planning enforcement litigation and subsequent proceedings under POCA.

In addition to his criminal practice, Redmond has represented medical professionals at inquests and before their regulators. Redmond has also been instructed to represent bereaved families at inquests.

Redmond accepts instructions on public law cases and in civil applications brought by the police. He has been instructed to defend in a number of gang injunction applications at both first instance and on appeal. Redmond welcomes instructions in civil claims involving the police and other public authorities.

Redmond also acts pro bono for Bail for Immigration Detainees in applications on behalf of those in immigration detention.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Redmond studied Classics at the University of Oxford after which he spent one year studying Farsi in Tehran.

Redmond accepts [Direct Access](#) instructions

Expertise

Criminal Defence

Redmond regularly represents defendants in the Crown Court. Redmond has acted for defendants accused of drug offences and violent offences, including offences committed in a custodial environment.

Redmond has experience acting for mentally disordered defendants in cases where there is an issue as to the defendant's fitness to plead. He has been appointed under the Criminal Procedure (Insanity) Act 1864 to put the case for defendants who have been found unfit to plead, and has acted for defendants who have been subject to hospital orders and supervision orders.

Redmond has a particular interest in matters relating to youth justice and is regularly instructed in complex and serious cases representing children in the Youth Court and Crown Court. Recently, Redmond represented a 14-year-old boy accused of stabbing another minor in the chest. The case resulted in the imposition of a non-custodial sentence.

Notable Cases:

R v FR, Wood Green Crown Court

Acted for one of four defendants in a conspiracy to kidnap and blackmail in a three-week trial. The defendant was acquitted of both counts. For more details click [here](#).

R v CT, Luton Crown Court

Acted for a defendant accused of sexual offences against children in a two-week trial. The case involved complex expert evidence relating to the use of the dark web.

R v CR, Maidstone Crown Court

Acted for a defendant accused of a section 18 GBH offence committed against a fellow serving prisoner at HMP Swaleside. The trial lasted one week.

R v GG, Maidstone Crown Court

Acted for a defendant accused of section 18 GBH. The accused was alleged to have deliberately driven his car at the victim. The victim suffered significant injuries including the loss of his leg. The offence was alleged to have taken place following the burglary of a large cannabis factory. During the course of the trial, the prosecution accepted a guilty plea to causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

R v LB, Inner London Crown Court

Acted for a defendant accused of multiple counts of sexual assault. Following cross-examination of the complainant, a successful submission of no case to answer was made, resulting in verdicts of not guilty.

R v LC, Willesden Youth Court

Acted for a 14-year-old defendant accused of stabbing another young minor in the chest. The case resulted in the imposition of a Referral Order.

R v N, Cambridge Crown Court

Defended an individual accused of witness intimidation involving the use of a knife. The defendant was acquitted following a one-week trial.

R v L, Inner London Crown Court

Section 18 wounding involving a stabbing on a train in East London.

Business Crime & Financial Services

Redmond is regularly instructed to defend in cases of fraud, money laundering and proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. He was instructed as second junior counsel to defend a former director of G4S accused of fraud in a prosecution brought by the Serious Fraud Office, and was recently led in a nine-week money laundering trial at Southwark Crown Court.

Redmond has a particular interest in matters brought under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Redmond wrote his postgraduate thesis on the calculation of a defendant's benefit in confiscation proceedings and has since then represented individuals and companies in a range of proceedings brought under POCA.

Notable Cases:

R v H, Luton Crown Court

Acted for a defendant charged with conspiracy to cheat the public revenue of excise duty. The case involved a largescale conspiracy to import, process and sell fake hand-rolling tobacco. The trial lasted 4 weeks. Led by Harry Bentley.

R v S, Central Criminal Court

Redmond represented Christie's auction house as a third party in restraint proceedings relating to a number of high-value works of art. Following a contested hearing at the Central Criminal Court, Redmond was successful in having the restraint order lifted. Instructed by Clyde & Co Solicitors.

In the matter of an Enforcement Receiver, Birmingham Crown Court

Redmond was instructed to advise the applicant, an Enforcement Receiver, in an application to transfer proceedings for the enforcement of an Enforcement Receivership Order from the Crown Court to the High Court. Instructed by TLT solicitors.

R v C, Snaresbrook Crown Court

Redmond was instructed to represent the defendant's parents, who were a third party in confiscation proceedings. After a three-day contested hearing, Redmond successfully argued that the defendant's interest in the property which he shared with his parents should be reduced, resulting in a substantially lower benefit figure. Instructed by Stephanie Roe of Roe Lawyers.

R v A, Southwark Crown Court

Complex conspiracy to launder the proceeds of crime. The trial lasted nine weeks. Led junior.

SFO v M, Southwark Crown Court

Instructed as second junior counsel to defend a former director of G4S accused of fraud. The case ended with the SFO offering no evidence against all three defendants.

Inquests

Redmond is regularly instructed to represent "interested parties" in inquests, including both individuals and organisations. Redmond

has particular experience representing medical professionals who are at risk of criticism.

Notable cases:

Inquest into the death of MW

Represented a care home at an inquest into the death of a patient with dementia who fell after leaving the care home. The coroner concluded without making a Prevention of Future Deaths Report.

Inquest into the death of EL

Represented a GP at an inquest into the death of EL who took her own life. The inquest concluded with no criticism of the GP being made

Professional Discipline

Redmond has experience of proceedings before a number of regulatory bodies including the General Medical Council, Nursing and Midwifery Council, Social Work England, and the Institution of Structural Engineers.

Notable cases:

GMC v Doctor H

Successfully opposed an application to impose interim conditions of practice upon an experienced consultant anaesthetist.

NMC v Nurse AW

AW was alleged to have borrowed money from a patient under her care. She was further alleged to have acted dishonestly in concealing her actions from her employer. The facts of the allegations were admitted by AW. Redmond successfully opposed an application to have AW removed from the register. Exceptionally for a case involving dishonesty, the panel acceded to Redmond's submission that conditions of practice should be imposed.

NMC v Nurse

M, a nurse on a dementia unit at a care home, was alleged to have physically assaulted a patient under her care. Following cross-examination and submissions by Redmond, the panel found the allegation not proved at the fact-finding stage.

Civil Litigation

Redmond has a growing practice in civil claims involving the police, and welcomes instructions in this area.

He has advised on the merits of judicially reviewing a decision of the Independent Office of Police Complaints. Redmond was instructed pro bono by Arnold and Porter Solicitors to advise on seeking pre-action disclosure in a potential claim for unlawful arrest and detention.

Health & Safety

Redmond has a growing practice acting for defendants in proceedings brought under the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013.

Notable Cases:

Westminster City Council v a company

Represented a well-known London restaurant in a prosecution brought for breaches of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013.

Consumer & Trading Standards

Redmond is regularly instructed to defend in proceedings brought by Local Authorities. He has acted on behalf of defendants in prosecutions brought under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Notable Cases:

London Borough of Hillingdon Council v JS

Represented the director of a large hotel group in an appeal against the imposition of a noise abatement notice. The case involved the instruction of a sound engineering expert and resulted in an agreement that the abatement notice would be withdrawn.

London Borough of Redbridge v S

Represented an individual in proceedings involving the use of a large property as a HMO in breach of section 179 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The breaches continued for over 20 years. Redmond represented the defendant in the Magistrates' Court and during subsequent POCA proceedings in the Crown Court.