



Patrick Dennis

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Legal 500 (2025)

YEAR OF CALL 2006

Education

BA (Hons) 2:1, History,
University of Sheffield
College of Law – GDL
Commendation
Manchester Metropolitan
University – BVC Very
Competent

Appointments

CPS Grade 4 Prosecutor on
both General Crime and
Serious Crime Panel
RASSO list



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Overview

Patrick started his career defending and prosecuting in equal measure across all areas of criminal law.

In recent years Patrick has specialised in prosecuting serious violence including murder. Patrick also specialises in prosecuting cases that involve serious and organised crime where the evidence is complex and voluminous. Patrick is regularly instructed as leading junior in such cases.

Patrick is regularly sought out to provide pre charge advice in challenging, complex cases that require detailed, careful analysis and direction from the outset. Patrick is also regularly requested to provide specialist advice in relation to disclosure issues, particularly those involving legal professional privilege.

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Notable Cases

– Criminal Prosecution

R v TH, TH SR and TH JR Peterborough (Crown Court, 2024) – Leading junior in a three handed attempted murder case involving tit for tat shootings arising out of a feud between two families. The case involved a chase on the A1 during which shots were fired with a handgun.

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R v RN and UC (Guildford Crown Court, 2024) – Leading junior in a two handed murder case. The defendants were youths and the victims were drug users with an extensive criminal history. The fatal incident occurred following a drug deal that went awry. The case involved complex issues of bad character and joint enterprise. The case was made significantly more challenging by led junior counsel becoming unavoidably unavailable after the first week of trial. I continued the case alone against two teams of silks and experienced juniors. The defendants were both convicted after trial.

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R v JR and Others (Lewes Crown Court, 2023) – Leading junior in a complex 13 handed conspiracy to supply multiple KG quantities of cocaine across Sussex and others areas. The case involved significant amounts of EncroChat, surveillance and phone evidence. All 13 defendants were convicted either by pleading Guilty or after trial. The case involved some of those in high up roles in the organised crime groups responsible, including a defendant who was directing matters from his prison cell.

R v HB and Others (Norwich Crown Court, 2023) – Led by Will Hughes KC in a murder arising out of an attempted robbery. The case had a drugs and gang related background. The rival drug dealer the defendants were