

GORDON ASPDEN KC

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Gordon Aspden KC's background is in general common law.

His intellectual ability was marked out early on when he was awarded the prestigious Scarman scholarship, having come top in the Bar examinations.

Gordon is now a vastly experienced advocate who has also practised at the Bar in the Cayman Islands.

In recent years he has specialised in criminal law and public inquiry work.

Gordon is noted for his prowess in complex cases involving homicide, serious sexual offences, the importation and supply of Class A drugs, and organised crime.

Particular areas of expertise include joint enterprise, so-called "cold cases", knife-crime, diminished responsibility, vulnerable witnesses, firearms, and the use of DNA evidence.

Gordon was instructed by the Metropolitan Police in connection with the Undercover Policing Inquiry.

Overall he is noted for his incisive and pragmatic approach, his expert handling of demanding and high pressure cases, and his success rate.

Recent criminal cases

R v Skowronski (Lincoln) (2024) – defence of a man charged with killing a pensioner. Legal issues concerning the ambit of unlawful act manslaughter and causation. Read more [here](#).

R v Thomas (Mold) (2023) – defence of a son charged with the murder of his father. Diminished responsibility.

R v Madaweni (Derby) (2023) – prosecution of a murder in the street with a screwdriver.

R v Dafter (Northampton) (2023) – prosecution of a domestic murder. Diminished responsibility.

R v Iyayi (Derby) (2023) – prosecution of a domestic murder. Diminished responsibility.

R v Anderson (Nottingham) (2023) – defence of one of five men charged with a murder involving a stabbing in the street.

R v Zydek (Lincoln) (2023) – prosecution of a drug-related murder by a gang of traffickers.

R v Stevens (Warwick) (2023) – prosecution of a one punch killing with complex medical issues.

R v Servutas (Lincoln) (2023) – defence of a two-handed murder by drowning.

R v Cranston (Chelmsford) (2023) – prosecution of domestic rape.

R v Mahmood (Shrewsbury) – prosecution of rape by a man recently released from a sentence of imprisonment for public protection.

R v Malek (Lincoln) (2023) – defence of a murder involving a stabbing in the street.

R v Ochonma (Leeds) (2023) – prosecution of two men for rape.

R v Coupland-Short (Lincoln) (2023) – prosecution of multi-victim case involving rape, false imprisonment, and controlling and coercive behaviour.

R v O'Donnell (Nottingham) (2023) – prosecution of a murder which the killer “live-streamed” on social media. Diminished responsibility.

R v Ranoszek (Lincoln) (2022) – prosecution of a murder and dismemberment.

R v Solanki (Leicester) (2022) – prosecution of a domestic murder. Diminished responsibility.

R v Karbauskas (Lincoln) (2022) – defence of a “whodunit” murder.

R v Gochman (Nottingham) (2022) – defence of the hitman in a contract killing.

R v Boianjiu (Northampton) (2022) – prosecution of a convicted murderer for the rape and attempted murder of a stranger.

R v Kaminski (Leicester) (2021) – prosecution of a drug-related joint enterprise murder.

R v Gaskin (Leicester) (2021) – prosecution of a multi-handed attempted murder involving a firearm.

R v Savescu (Stoke) (2021) – prosecution of multiple rapes.

R v Gerrard (Sheffield) (2021) – defence of one of four men charged with a murder in the street.

R v Grant (Lincoln) (2021) – defence of a murder in the street.

R v Tate (Worcester) (2021) – prosecution of multiple rapes.

LEGAL EXPERTISE

Crime & Regulatory

Gordon has appeared for the prosecution and defence in numerous serious, complex, and high-profile criminal trials.

Inquests & Inquiries

Gordon is a vastly experienced advocate who works extremely well with others within lengthy and complex proceedings. As part of his busy practice, he is currently instructed by the Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police Service in the Undercover Policing Inquiry, chaired by Sir John Mitting.

Family Law

Gordon is experienced in dealing with expert medical evidence, including the causation of subdural haemorrhages, brain injury, and/or death. He represents parties within fact finding hearings in public law care proceedings, where parents are alleged to have caused non-accidental injury or other abuse, and cases of wilful neglect.

Appointments

- CPS Prosecutor (Grade 4)

Memberships

- Gray's Inn
- Criminal Bar Association
- Midland Circuit
- South Eastern Circuit