

## GORDON ASPDEN

Year of call  
1988



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### LEGAL EXPERTISE

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#### Crime

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## Selected Cases

### R v Toor

Prosecuted the attempted murder of the Guru of the Namdhari Sikh religion.

### R v Dixon

Prosecuted a "staged burglary" murder.

### R v Ricketts & Henry

Defended one of two men charged with murder, rape, robbery, and abduction in Grand Cayman.

### R v Ali

Prosecuted murder – "honour killing".

### R v Khan & Others

Prosecuted three handed murder and "tie up" robbery.

### R v Jones

Prosecuted murder by strangulation.

### R v Fraser

Prosecuted multi-handed "kicking" murder.

### R v Watt

Prosecuted murder and rape.

## R v W

Prosecuted a serial rapist.

## R v Oldham & Oldham

Prosecuted a rapist and his partner for multiple offences.

## R v Saint

Prosecuted "cold case" stranger rape.

## R v Tumulty

Prosecuted "cold case" stranger rape and buggery.

## R v Qureshi & Others

Prosecuted the importation of a £38 million consignment of heroin from Pakistan.

## R v Hayden & Others

Prosecuted an OCG for the wholesale supply of Class A drugs.

## R v Bates & Others

Prosecuted multi-handed VAT, mortgage, and "long firm" frauds.

## Appointments

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- CPS Prosecutor (Grade 4)

## Memberships

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- CBA
- Midland Circuit
- South Eastern Circuit