CHECKLIST

Checklist: understanding your rights after a not guilty verdict

- [ ] Understand that your acquittal is final in almost all cases and protects you from being tried again for the same offence
- [ ] Know that the Crown can apply to overturn your acquittal only if it was tainted by interference or new evidence emerges in a serious case
- [ ] Recognise that the Court of Appeal will scrutinise any application carefully before ordering a retrial
- [ ] Instruct a solicitor if you receive notice that the Crown is applying to quash your acquittal
- [ ] Prepare to challenge the Crown's application by responding through your legal representative
- [ ] Attend the Court of Appeal hearing or ensure your legal team represents you at it
- [ ] Exercise your full trial rights if a retrial is ordered, including the right to call witnesses and challenge evidence