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Areas of Practice

After obtaining a first class degree in law from Durham University and upon completing a twelve month pupillage at 4 King's Bench Walk in 2001-02, I accepted an offer of tenancy in October 2002. Having spent several years gaining experience in both civil and criminal law, my practice is now principally civil-based.

Civil Experience

My civil work has an emphasis on personal injury litigation. I have considerable experience representing and advising Claimants and Defendants in Fast-Track and Multi-Track matters. I deal with all aspects of road traffic, employers' liability and public liability cases.

In addition to personal injury work, I accept instructions in all aspects of civil litigation including commercial matters, landlord and tenant and general common law. In the past, I have also represented clients in Coroners' Courts, the Administrative Court and the High Court.

In appropriate cases, I am happy to accept instructions on a Conditional Fee Agreement basis.

Criminal Experience

I have extensive experience both prosecuting and defending throughout London and the Thames Valley. My work includes the entire spectrum of criminal offences including fraud, the supply of drugs, indecent assault, voyeurism, high value dishonesty and serious offences of violence. I also deal with all aspects of pre- and post-trial hearings including Proceeds of Crime Act and Criminal Justice Act applications, disclosure and other matters ancillary to criminal cases.

Notable Cases

Re: Matthew Talbot - Acted for Mr. Talbot in an inquest where it was common ground that he had stabbed and killed a third party. The outcome of the inquest was likely to be decisive in the question of whether or not Mr. Talbot would be charged with murder. The jury returned a verdict of lawful killing.

White v. CPS Confiscation Unit – Represented the applicant in Administrative Court proceedings following £25,000 confiscation ruling in the Crown Court.

R v. Garratty x4 - Junior counsel (led by Kim Preston) instructed by CPS Headquarters in relation to a family 'factory' producing thousands of indecent pornographic videos and distributing them in South London. Following a successful prosecution, I acted in Proceeds of Crime Act proceedings involving approximately £1million.

R v. Hierons and Others – Successfully defended Mr. Hierons at Southend Crown Court in a six day, three-handed racially aggravated public order matter.

R v. Audi, Nassif and Others - Junior counsel (again led by Kim Preston) in £250,000 cash card 'skimming' operation by four named defendants. Following guilty pleas from three, we successfully convicted the final defendant. I dealt with the lengthy sentencing hearing for all four defendants without a leader. Instructed by CPS Headquarters.

Beckett v. CPS - Acted for Crown in the Divisional Court in relation to the appellant's conviction for drink-driving. The Appellant argued that he had been stopped unlawfully. Successfully argued the contrary position and conviction upheld.

R v. Phipps, Little & Fisher - Conducted most non-jury hearings on behalf of HM Revenue & Customs in £1million cannabis importation case. I am also due to conduct the Proceeds of Crime Act hearing in relation to all three defendants.

R v. B (A Child) - Successfully defended a fifteen year old boy against charges of possession of indecent images of children with intent to supply them to others. Although convicted of the lesser offence of simple possession, I was able to secure a non-custodial sentence.

Education & Qualifications

1997-2000	University of Durham, Hild & Bede College LLB Law: First Class
2000-01	University of Northumbria Very Competent
2001	Called to the Bar (Inner Temple)

Professional Courses

Forensic Accounting	Criminal Justice Act 2003
Human Rights Act 1998	Proceeds of Crime 2002

Professional Memberships

Personal Injury Bar Association
Criminal Bar Association

Interests

Outside work, I am a keen climber, both indoors and out. I also enjoy skiing, golf and good food and wine. I consider myself to be something of a car-buff and take any opportunity to enjoy all things automotive.