



# Jim Olphert

YEAR OF CALL: 2014

Jim is quickly developing a broad practice both prosecuting and defending. He is a barrister with experience beyond his call, having worked in-house at reputable Solicitors' firms, and the Crown Prosecution Service, prior to joining Chambers. He has represented individuals at the police station, and litigated cases of serious violence, conspiracy and sexual offences. As a result, he is a thoughtful and persuasive advocate and able tactician, with a real understanding of how cases progress from the outset.

## EXPERIENCE

Jim enjoys an excellent reputation with both the Solicitors and lay clients that he represents, and is praised for his ability to leave clients feeling reassured. He has been instructed on matters in the Youth, Magistrates' and Crown Courts, and is a member of the CPS Advocates Panel.

He has expanded his practice with instructions under the Attorney General's Junior Panel, accepting instructions assisting in large-scale international matters, and employment tribunals, during his time on the panel to date.

## NOTEABLE CASES

**R v N** Represented a mother who conspired to fake her own death to defraud their life assurance policy. The case was reported in the national press: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/4003868/zanzibar-mum-faked-own-death-son-claim-life-insurance-debt/>

**R v JW** Secured an acquittal for a young man accused of having a bag of class A drugs in his car, who had secured a scholarship with an American college to play football. A conviction would have been disastrous.

**R v C** Acted for a defendant in a 2-day confiscation hearing following a conviction for both drugs and firearms offences. The case involved large sums and came to a negotiated solution in the client's interests.

**R v D** Obtained an unlikely Suspended Sentence Order where the defendant faced custody under the mandatory minimum sentencing provisions for knife offences.

**R v K** Suspended Sentence Order for a client facing immediate custody for the burglary of a hotel.

**R v B** Prosecuted an Appeal against Conviction in a complex driving case, with issues of interpretation of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988.

**R v LC** Prosecuted benefit fraud case where the defendant had obtained over £200,000 in fraudulent benefits.

**R v R** Client of good character acquitted of harassment following a successful half-time submission.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Criminal Bar Association  
Young Fraud Lawyers Association

## QUALIFICATIONS

BA (Hons) English and Drama – University of Sheffield  
Graduate Diploma in Law – Nottingham Law School  
Bar Professional Training Course – Nottingham Law School  
Winner of the Professor Myriana Nestic Memorial Prize 2013  
Winner of the Best Opening Speech Award – ICC International Mediation Competition 2014