



EXPERTISE

Oliver is establishing a busy practice in the Crown Court, defending those accused of offences including fraud, supply of drugs and serious violence. He is also a specialist Youth Court advocate and frequently achieves successful outcomes in unlikely circumstances.

Oliver prepares thoroughly and is regularly commended by Judges for the quality of his written work. He is comfortable dealing with legally and factually complex cases and prides himself on providing accessible and practical advice to clients and presenting his cases as clearly as possible in Court.

Oliver has appeared in the County, Family and Administrative Courts and is often instructed in cases which span the civil and criminal jurisdictions, including trading standards investigations, sexual risk, criminal behavior and football banning orders and the full range of proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act. He is happy to accept instructions as a Junior on Inquests and Family cases.

Prior to joining chambers, Oliver worked at a boutique solicitors' firm on large drugs conspiracies, serious sexual offences and murder cases, private driving matters for high-profile clients and appeals to the High Court and Court of Appeal. Outside of chambers, Oliver is a qualified football referee and plays for the Bar cricket team.

NOTABLE CASES

R v G – one-punch knock out ABH defendant acquitted of all three charges on basis of self-defence, helped by careful dissection of CCTV evidence and half-time submission of no case to answer on one charge

R v M – achieved suspended sentence order for supply of class A drugs through reference to Equal Treatment Bench Book

R v T – successful appeal against conviction for public order offences where made non-defendant bad character application against complainant at re-trial

R v D – successful appeal against conviction for assaulting emergency workers for vulnerable defendant due to officer's extensive admissions under cross examination

R v S – appeal allowed against sentence for eight shoplifting offences as Court agreed Magistrates had not had sufficient regard to totality

R v B – Acquittal on basis of householder self-defence for mentally ill defendant charged with serious assaults on police officers who had forced entry to his home

R v B – mitigation on the basis of provocation to achieve community order for threats with offensive weapon

R v S – acquittal for youth charged with multiple robberies on basis of lack of identification evidence

R v R – young defendant pleaded guilty to violent disorder - successfully opposed Football Banning Order and received the minimum term referral order at the Youth Court, whereas co-defendants were committed to Crown Court for trial and sentence.

R v Z – acquittal for youth charged with knife-point robbery following extremely helpful cross-examination of young complainant.

R v P – obtained youth caution at Court having asked the YOT to look again at the case in circumstances where a conviction would have been disastrous for client’s future career plans

R v L – two-day multi-handed robbery trial in the Youth Court involving intermediaries for client and complainant

QUALIFICATIONS

Law LLB (Hons), University of Liverpool: First Class
BPTC, City Law School: Outstanding
CPS Advocate Panel: Level 1

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