

## Joseph Carr

Joseph accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' practice, representing clients in sensitive and complex cases across a spectrum of criminal offences including dishonesty, serious violence, drugs, public order, motoring, and sexual offences.

Joseph predominantly practises in criminal prosecution and defence in the Crown Court. He has also appeared in extradition hearings and proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, in addition to contested applications for Anti-Social Behaviour injunctions. As a defence advocate, he frequently represents young persons and individuals with mental health difficulties, and has completed specialist training in relation to vulnerable witnesses and youth advocacy.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Joseph read Psychological and Behavioural Sciences at the University of Cambridge, incorporating a paper on Criminology, Sentencing and the Penal System. Whilst completing the GDL he also volunteered as part of the pro-bono 'Streetlaw' programme, where he hosted seminars on various topics with young offenders.

### Notable cases

R v W [2019] Acquittal in a serious domestic violence ABH case. (Luton Magistrates' Court)

R v J [2019] Acquittal in an assault case where the defendant was alleged to have strangled a 13-year-old girl, relying upon a statutory defence unknown to the District Judge under the Education and Inspections Act 2006. (Portsmouth Magistrates' Court)

R v S [2019] Successful prosecution in a drink-drive trial against one of the country's leading technical motoring defence counsel. (Chelmsford Magistrates' Court)

R v M [2019] Acquittal after trial where the Defendant faced a charge under section 172 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, after the facts were distinguished from  
Phiri v DPP [2017] EWHC 1962 (Admin).  
(Willesden Magistrates' Court)

R v R [2020] Instructed on behalf of a young mother facing a number of assault charges, with the Crown accepting a carefully drafted basis of plea and offering no evidence on a remaining count on the indictment, following written representations. (Norwich Crown Court)

R v A [2020] Pre-trial acquittal on four charges, after a successful application for the exclusion of all of the Crown's remaining evidence pursuant to section 78 of PACE 1984 following the non-attendance of a police witness. (Stevenage Magistrates' Court)

R v G [2020] Successfully advanced a submission of no case to answer where the defendant was charged with assaulting his 17-month-old infant son. Defendant was subsequently acquitted of an assault charge against his ex-partner and a s5A PHA 1997 (post-acquittal) restraining order application was refused. (Ealing Magistrates' Court)

R v S [2020] Acquittal on a charge of assaulting an emergency worker, where the defendant was alleged to have bitten a police officer. (Willesden Magistrates' (Youth) Court)

R v S & G [2020] Defended a 15-year-old in a two-day multi-handed knifepoint robbery trial, obtaining an acquittal on the basis of mistaken identification notwithstanding a positive VIPER identification. (Uxbridge Magistrates' (Youth) Court)

R v M [2021] Prosecuted a five-day robbery trial, resulting in conviction. (Aylesbury Crown Court)

R v R [2021] Defended a woman over a two-day trial charged with stalking her husband and his new partner, and successfully opposed a post-acquittal restraining order application. (Staines Magistrates' Court)

R v B [2022] Defending in a two-day Newton hearing in relation to twelve offences concerning prohibited firearms, weapons and ammunition. (Kingston Crown Court)

R v M [2022] Successful application to dismiss two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs. (Croydon Crown Court)

R v C [2022] Defended a man charged with multiple offences against his ex-partner including false imprisonment, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, witness intimidation, and criminal damage. Acquitted on one count following a successful submission of no case to answer, and all other counts at the conclusion of the four-day trial. (Isleworth Crown Court)

R v H [2022] Led by Clare Dowse, defending a man charged with 32 counts of historic sexual offending. (Guildford Crown Court)

R v C [2022] Prosecuted a five-day domestic burglary trial. (Central Criminal Court)

S v R [2023] Successful appeal against sentence of 49 months' imprisonment for dwelling burglary and false identity document offences, reduced to 42 months' imprisonment. (Court of Appeal, Criminal Division)

R v S, S, & S [2023] Instructed to prosecute three defendants for 'rogue trader' fraud offences committed against a number of vulnerable elderly victims, with a total loss value in excess of £500,000. Lead offender sentenced to 8 years' custody. (Hove Crown Court)

R v C [2023] Led by Clodaghmuire Callinan in a 3-week conspiracy to commit dwelling burglary, featuring extensive analysis of cell-site evidence. (Isleworth Crown Court)

R v M [2023] Successful submission of no case to answer for a defendant in a multi-handed joint enterprise robbery. (Chelmsford Crown Court)

R v G [2023] Defended a young mother charged with multiple drug supply offences and money laundering, unanimously acquitted on all counts after trial. (Bristol Crown Court)

## **Professional Associations**

Criminal Bar Association  
Young Fraud Lawyers Association  
The Honourable Society of The Inner Temple  
CPS Advocate Panel: Grade 2

## **Qualifications and awards**

MA (Cantab), Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, Selwyn College, University of Cambridge:  
Double First  
GDL, BPP University Manchester: Distinction  
BPTC, City Law School: Very Competent

Inner Temple Poland Prize (2017)  
Inner Temple Exhibition Award (2017)

### **Publications**

Skylark, W. J., Carr, J. M., Lomas, C. L. (2018). Who says “larger” and who says “smaller”? Individual differences in the language of comparison. *Judgment and Decision Making*, 13, pp. 547–561

Zmigrod, L., Garrison, J.R., Carr, J., & Simons, J.S. (2016). The neural mechanisms of hallucinations: A quantitative meta-analysis of neuroimaging studies. *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews*, 69, pp. 113-123