Joshua Bowker

Year of Call: **2015**

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Joshua specialises in all areas of criminal law, and accepts instructions for both prosecution and defence in the Magistrates' Court, Crown Court and Court of Appeal.

Joshua has experience of all manner of criminal offences, including violence, drugs, sexual offences, and dishonesty. He has experience of both prosecuting and defending in large-scale complex conspiracies and serious organised crime.

He is routinely instructed to prosecute and defend cases involving sexual offending, and has experience of multiple complainant offending, including "grooming gang" trials.

Joshua has been appointed a Category 3 prosecutor on the Crown Prosecution Service Advocate Panel and has been appointed to the Crown Prosecution Service Advocate Panel Rape and Serious Sexual Abuse List, and Category 2 for the Advocate Panel for Fraud.

He was selected to be Junior of the Northern Circuit in 2019.

VIEW PRIVACY POLICY

Education

University of Hull, LLB Law, 2:1
Manchester Metropolitan University, BPTC, Outstanding

Professional Memberships

Crown Prosecution Service Advocate Panel (Level 3)
Crown Prosecution Service Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Panel Advocate
Crown Prosecution Service Fraud Panel (Level 2)

Notable Cases

Violence

Operation Hummingbird: disclosure junior in a case involving multiple murders and a significant amount of unused material.

R v MH: prosecuted a Defendant charged with s18, the deliberate driving of a vehicle at a pedestrian.

R v IK: prosecuted a Defendant charged with s18, an attack on a member of the public with a weapon in broad daylight.

R v JB: represented a Defendant at trial charged with a knife-point robbery in a dwelling.

R v JL: represented a Defendant acquitted at trial of a section 18 inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent committed in prison.

R v GP: successful defence at trial of an individual charged with violent disorder and possession of a weapon, involving CCTV evidence.

Sexual Offending

R v MH: junior defence counsel at trial for offences alleging the historic grooming and rape of multiple children in the 1990s.

R v TOR: junior prosecution counsel in a case alleging the sexual and physical abuse of five children between 1980-2000.

R v RE: represented a Defendant charged with sexual assaults committed against 9 different females as they walked through Manchester.

R v MS: prosecuted a defendant convicted of the digital penetration of his granddaughter.

R v GH: represented a Defendant at trial charged with the rape and sexual abuse of his long-term partner.

R v GW: represented a Defendant at a finding of fact hearing, facing charges of rape committed against his children.

R v RT: represented a Defendant at trial charged with sexual activity with a child and intimidation. The Defendant was acquitted by the jury.

Drugs and Organised Crime

Operation Heartwood: represented a Defendant involved in a large conspiracy involving the supply of over 75kg of cocaine through the North of England.

Operation Tagula: led prosecution junior in an operation involving the supply of large amounts of cocaine.

R v RB: represented a Defendant charged with kidnap, false imprisonment and blackmail.

R v LH: represented a Defendant involved in a Class A drugs supply conspiracy through Cumbria.

R v DT: Defended a teenager who had pleaded guilty to possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply. Following a Newton Hearing, the judge accepted the Defendant's account, and they received a suspended sentence.

Dishonesty

R v SA and others: led prosecution junior in a 15-defendant conspiracy to commit fraud with a total value in excess of £200,000.

R v PH: successful representation of a Defendant charged with burglary involving DNA evidence.

R v LT: successfully appeared at the Court of Appeal on an appeal against sentence, in relation to a technical point and totality, leading to a reduction in sentence from 30 to 20 months.