

Joshua Bowker

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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.

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.

Joshua joined Chambers in 2018 after successfully completing pupillage under the supervision of Rachel Faux. During pupillage, Joshua observed a number of serious and complex trials in the Crown Court, and assisted with the preparation and research of them.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.