

Joshua Bowker

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

Joshua has represented Defendants in the Magistrates' Court, the Crown Court and the Court of Appeal in relation to offences including violence, drugs, dishonesty and driving.

He has prosecuted offences in the Magistrates' Court, and an array of appeals against conviction in the Crown Court.

He has experience in Prison Law, having represented a number of individuals seeking release or relocation from prison.

Joshua also has an interest in regulatory work, having successfully prosecuted on behalf of a Local Authority on matters involving environmental breaches and breaches of planning permission.

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.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Joshua worked as a County Court Advocate, representing parties in all manner of civil proceedings, including small claims trials.

Education

University of Hull, LLB Law, 2:1

Manchester Metropolitan University, BPTC, Outstanding

Notable Cases

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

R v GP: successfully 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, involving a significant amount of telephone 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.

R v AS: successful defence at trial of possession of a bladed article, assault and criminal damage.

R v Youth: successfully represented a vulnerable youth accused of a racially aggravated assault in the Youth Court.

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.

BMC v UJ: Successfully represented the local authority prosecuting an individual for failing to comply with environmental regulations.

BMC v CH: Successful prosecution on behalf of a local authority for failing to comply with an Enforcement Notice issued following building works erected in breach of planning permission.