



Joshua Normanton

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"Always well prepared and clients love him"

- Instructing Solicitor

Overview

Joshua frequently appears in the Crown Court for both the defence and the prosecution. He is regularly instructed as junior counsel or as a led junior in extremely serious or complex cases. He has particular expertise in murder, fraud and serious sexual offences. He has demonstrated his competency in cases which would ordinarily be beyond a barrister of his call.

Joshua has experience in cases involving vulnerable witnesses and defendants. He writes regularly on the issues which arise in cross-examining such witnesses and is part of a small consultancy team tasked with preparing a mandatory course for advocates on cross-examining vulnerable witnesses.

Joshua regularly prosecutes environmental, health and safety and food hygiene offences and is also often instructed in an advisory capacity to local authorities in relation to these offences.

Joshua has also been instructed in a number of appeals before the Court of Appeal, including those where he did not represent the appellant at first instance.

Joshua also has expertise in prison law and accepts instructions to appear before the Parole Board. He has represented prisoners subject to whole life tariffs and those subject to extended sentences or imprisonment for public protection.

Joshua is a popular public access practitioner and welcomes appropriate instructions from members of the public. He is sought-after in matters ranging from road traffic law, professional discipline, police law and general crime.

Notable cases

R v Burgess and others (2015)

Instructed as junior counsel (led by Rory Keene) in this substantial multi-handed matter in which Joshua's client was indicted with fraud, theft, forgery and bankruptcy offences. The prosecution followed a lengthy joint investigation by the Department of Business and Dorset Police and was to be heard over two trials lasting 4-5 months. The prosecution was forced to offer no evidence in respect of all counts against all defendants after serious failings in the disclosure process were revealed.

R v Cutting (2015)

Joshua's client was indicted with threats to kill his young daughter and it was suggested by the Judge that the client would face a finding of dangerousness if found guilty. Despite a number of previous convictions for threats to kill being admitted into evidence before the jury during trial, Joshua's client was acquitted.

R v Stadler and others (2015)

Instructed as junior counsel in a multi-handed trial involving alleged serious sexual abuse of a number of children by a large paedophile ring which included the children's close and extended family. The case was complicated by alleged malpractice by a County Council Children Services' department. Joshua's client was acquitted of all counts of sexual abuse.

The case was reported in the national and international press.

R v SM (2015)

Joshua represented a 12-year-old child with severe learning difficulties who was assisted by an intermediary. The child was charged in a multi-handed robbery. Joshua's client was acquitted.

R v Pocius and others (2014)

Instructed as junior counsel, Joshua represented a Lithuanian defendant indicted in a brutal multi-handed murder. His client was acquitted. The case was reported in the national press: BBC

R v Ozberkcan [2014] EWCA Crim 2377

Joshua appeared in the Court of Appeal in an appeal where he did not represent the appellant at trial. In submissions described as 'focused and eloquent' by the Lord Justices of Appeal, Joshua successfully argued that a sentence of 9 months for a 'bad case of affray' (as it was described by the court) was manifestly excessive. The sentence was reduced to 6 months.

R v Faleye (2014)

In proceedings at Croydon Crown Court, Joshua represented a Nigerian national who faced multiple allegations of money laundering as part of a targeted international email fraud on a well-known wealth management company. Joshua's client was tried alone and acquitted.

Education/Professional

College of Law:

BPTC (Very Competent)

GDL (Commendation)

University of Sheffield. BA (Hons), 1st Class.

In 2011, Joshua was awarded the Harold G Fox Scholarship, a prestigious international scholarship. As part of the scholarship, he worked at associate level in the litigation department of the prominent Canadian law firm Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP in Toronto. He worked under John Champion of the same firm, who is recognised as one of the leading litigation lawyers in North America. Joshua also shadowed Judges at the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa.

Joshua was also a recipient of the Lord Diplock Scholarship from the Honourable Society of Middle Temple.

Joshua is a member of the Young Fraud Lawyers Association and the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers.

Other

Joshua co-wrote (with Richard Padley) “Skiving, Truanting or Just Plain Criminal? Dealing with charges under section 444(1) and (1a) of the Education Act 1996”.

The article appears in Vol.179, No. 6 of Criminal Law & Justice Weekly:

http://www.criminallawandjustice.co.uk/files/issues/CLJW_06_Book.pdf

Joshua delivered a lecture on the topic of “defending when a prosecution witness uses an intermediary” at a seminar on the use of intermediaries in court on 8 July 2014. The seminar was organised by 5 Paper Buildings. Miranda Moore QC and Teresa Hay also lectured at the seminar.