

Huw Edwards

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Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)

Beyond the Bar

Huw read Political Science at the University of Leeds. Following his graduation he moved to London where he was employed as an intern researcher for a Member of Parliament. He went on to work for the Prison and Probation Ombudsman's office. In 2008 he completed his Graduate Diploma in Law and in 2009 he was called to the bar following his successful completion of the Bar Vocational Course.

Criminal Overview

Huw was called to the Bar in 2009 and began his pupillage in September that year.

Huw has a busy criminal practice which includes large multi handed conspiracy cases involving drugs, sexual offences and dishonesty offences. He has defended in complex and serious cases involving sexual offences, both historic and otherwise.

He also acts in cases brought by the RSPCA, Environment Agency, and Trading Standards and has defended in cases involving multi agency investigations. Huw has recently been appointed to the Specialist Regulatory Panel (List C).

In addition, Huw has conducted a variety of licensing cases both in the Magistrates' Court and the Crown court, as well as attending other bodies such as the Road Traffic Commissioners Court.

Huw has conducted a variety of firearms licensing cases, including appeals against the revocation of shotgun certificates.

Cases

NOTABLE CASES - CRIMINAL

R -v- MA – Junior counsel for the defence in a murder trial.

R -v- JS – Leading counsel for a defendant in a multi-million pound, multi handed conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

R -v- HJ – Defence counsel in a multi handed ‘Rochdale grooming’ case, involving serious sexual offences and many defendants. The defendant was one of two acquitted after a lengthy trial.

R -v- M – Represented a defendant, who was acquitted following trial, charged with a number of counts of Rape.

R -v- S – Represented a defendant charged, along with a number of others, with false imprisonment and causing grievous bodily harm with intent. The defendant was acquitted following trial.

R -v- S – Represented a defendant charged, along with two others, with importing substantial amounts of heroin. The defendant was acquitted following trial.

R -v- D – Acted on behalf of a defendant charged with multiple counts of rape. These were historic allegations that were of a particularly serious nature even within this type of offence.

R -v- D – Represented a defendant charged as part of a multi handed conspiracy to steal. The value of the alleged theft was over £200,000. The defendant was acquitted following trial.

R -v- B – Acted on behalf of a defendant charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent (s.18). The defendant was acquitted following trial.

R -v- M – Represented a defendant charged with an assault contrary to s.18 and Robbery. The defendant ultimately acquitted of all charges.

R -v- T – Defended at trial a man charged with a range of Assaults, harassment and threats to kill offences. The most substantial charge was contrary to s.18 OAPA. The defendant was successfully acquitted of all but the more minor of offences.

R -v- A-B – Led Junior representing a defendant facing an application under POCA for a substantial confiscation order, originally amounting to hundreds of thousands of pounds. The application followed a complex VAT fraud. The confiscation order made was vastly reduced from that which was initially sought by the prosecution.

NOTABLE CASES - REGULATORY

HF -v- Road Traffic Commissioner – Public enquiry regarding the client's application for a Vehicle Operators Licence.

Environment Agency -v- WSL – Represented a company charged with a selection of offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

RSPCA -v- AD and CD – Represented a defendant charged with offences of animal cruelty. Following trial the defendant was acquitted.

National Resources Wales -v- EJ and JJ – Represented a defendant charged with failing to comply with enforcement notices.

Environment Agency -v- CB – Represented a defendant charged with removing and disposing of asbestos improperly and without a licence.

RSPCA -v- DW - Acted for the prosecution in a trial involving a significant number of counts of causing unnecessary suffering and animal cruelty. The defendant was convicted following a trial.

Department of Business Innovation and Skills -v- AR and KR - Acted in a case involving numerous counts alleging breaches of a disqualification from directorships.

MA -v- Warrington Borough Council – appeal against decision of the taxi licencing sub committee to revoke taxi licence

IP -v- GMP – appeal against the revocation of shotgun certificate