

James Kinsey

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Memberships

- PIBA (Personal Injury Bar Association)
- CBA (Criminal Bar Association)
- North Eastern Circuit

Appointments

- Grade 1 Prosecutor for the CPS

Criminal CV

Overview

James has a growing Criminal practice in the Crown Court acting for both the Prosecution as a Grade 1 Prosecutor and for Defendants. He also appears in the Magistrates and Youth Courts.

He has acted for both the Prosecution and Defence in preliminary matters, sentencing hearings, and appeals against conviction and sentence. He has received instructions to appear in the Crown Court on matters involving violence, dishonesty, drugs and sexual offences.

With a developing practice and interest in regulatory work, James has prosecuted for the DVSA and the Insolvency Service. He also recently defended a client in a nationally publicised RSPCA prosecution.

Alongside regulatory work, James also has experience of Proceeds of Crime matters where he recently successfully defended a Crown application to increase the available amount which would have resulted in the forced sale of the Defendant's family home.

A large part of James's criminal practice involves motoring offences. Recent cases of this nature have included:

- The successful prosecution of an appeal against conviction involving the use of a mobile phone whilst driving;
- Persuading the Motoring Court not to exercise their discretion to disqualify a driver for speeding over 100mph;
- Mitigating on behalf of a defendant in a dangerous driving matter involving a protracted daylight police chase;
- Prosecuting an appeal against sentence following a conviction for the offence of overloading a lorry.

James also has experience of the Youth Court, and recently defended a 14-year-old on theft and criminal damage charges achieving conditional discharges on all 5 offences.

Recommendations

“I would also ask you to pass on my gratitude to my barrister. What an excellent choice of an individual to represent me, your solicitors, himself and his Chambers. It must be noted that immediately I was placed at ease by his attitude although incredibly professional and knowledgeable he was also human without the aloofness one would associate with a barrister. The questions and instructions given to me enabled me to go into court, answer and stand up to cross examination and give honest consistent responses which resulted in the successful outcome of my claim.”

Client testimonial

Education

Qualifications:

- The University of Birmingham 2011-2014 (English Literature 1:1 BA (Hons))
- The University of St Andrews 2014-2015 (English Literature 1:1 MLitt)
- GDL 2015-2017: Distinction (The University of Law)
- BPTC 2017-2018: Outstanding (BPP University)

Scholarships/Prizes:

- Diplock Scholarship 2017-2018 (Middle Temple)
- Excellence Award Scholarship 2016 (BPP University)
- Urquhart Scholarship 2014 (The University of St Andrews)

Beyond the Bar

In years gone by James was a keen sportsman having rowed internationally for Great Britain and raced in marathons and half-marathons but now slowly jogs around Leeds when time permits. He also enjoys spending time with friends and family.