

Ray Smith

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Memberships

- Lincoln's Inn
- Criminal Bar Association
- Personal Injuries Bar Association

Education

- Master of Arts in Strategy & Policy, 2009
- Master of Arts (International Relations), 2009
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, 2001
- Bachelor of Laws with Honours (Class I), 2001
- Master of Business Administration, 1997
- Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics (Class II:i), 1990

Criminal CV

Overview

Ray was called to the Bar of England & Wales in 2013, having practised as a barrister in Melbourne, Australia, qualifying as a Barrister in 2009 and a Solicitor in 2001. Ray has represented clients in the Magistrates and Crown Courts, and the Court of Appeal in a wide range of cases including:

- Assault and violent offences
- Acquisitive offences
- Drugs
- Public Order
- Motoring and vehicle offences
- Fraud
- Sexual offences
- Anti-social and Criminal Behaviour Orders
- Proceeds of Crime
- Appeals

Ray is a CPS Level 3 Prosecutor and has built a solid prosecution practice. He has acted as junior counsel in a historical sexual offences case; a multi-million pound, seven-handed fraud case concerning numerous vulnerable victims; and an immigration fraud case. A number of the prosecutions in which he has been involved had received media attention. He has prosecuted trials involving allegations grievous bodily harm, burglary, dangerous driving and public order offences. His prosecution practice has given him a sound understanding of issues relating to disclosure, public interest immunity and vulnerable witnesses.

He has also been instructed by the Nursing & Midwifery Council, first as external counsel and then on secondment, appearing for the

Council in both interim order applications and substantive hearings.

He has acted both for and against local authorities in housing, licensing and regulatory matters and has recently been appointed to the Specialist Regulatory Panel (List C).

Prior to life at the Bar, Ray served in the Royal Australian Air Force for over 20 years and attained the rank of Wing Commander. He then worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross in its Legal Division and in the field as a Delegate. Having had operational military command experience and having developed expertise in military and International Humanitarian Law, Ray is well placed to represent those effected by military law issues.

Cases

R v SD – Successfully prosecuted a dangerous driving case before a jury.

R v MH – As a prosecution led junior helped to secure the conviction before a jury of a priest accused of historical sexual offences. This case involved significant disclosure issues, including obtaining and disclosing overseas antecedents and medical records of prosecution witnesses.

R v SW – Secured the jury acquittal of client accused of assaulting (together with her current partner) her ex-partner.

R v NA – Successfully prosecuted a burglary case before a jury.

re: ME – Successfully overturned a local authority's decision not to renew a taxi licence.

R v JT – Secured the jury acquittal at trial of a defendant accused of burglary and assault.

R v TS – Successfully renewed an application for leave to appeal against sentence refused by a single judge of the Court of Appeal. The full court granted leave and allowed the appeal, significantly reducing the appellant's sentence for two counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

R v BF LTD – Secured the acquittal of a company charged with failing to provide details of one of its drivers to police, following a successful submission of no case to answer.

R v RT – Secured the acquittal in the Magistrates Court of a defendant charged with two counts of assault and one count of criminal damage in a domestic setting. In the same case, successfully argued that a guilty plea to a second count of criminal damage should be vacated and jurisdiction declined as the case had been dealt with out of time.