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Practice Overview

Josh has a busy criminal practice, regularly appearing in the Crown, Magistrates', and Youth courts, and also the High Court and Court of Appeal. Josh has expertise in a wide range of areas including drugs matters, sexual offences, extradition and violence offences. Josh is a Grade 3 CPS Panel Advocate.

Josh defends and prosecutes regularly in matters such as grievous bodily harm, threats to kill, drugs, fraud, blackmail, robbery, weapons and firearms offences and theft.

Notable and Reported cases

- Defence
 - R v DB (Chester Crown Court, 2021) – acquittal of man charged with four counts of historic sexual assaults on a child.
 - R v AB (Court of Appeal, 2021) – reduction of sentence of curfew for youth convicted of robbery from 6 months to 3 months.
 - R v JM (Aylesbury Crown Court, 2020) – acquittal of man charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm following an altercation with a bouncer.
 - R v TF (Inner London Crown Court, 2019) – acquittal of man charged with false imprisonment and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.
 - R v SL (Wood Green Crown Court, 2019) – acquittal of woman charged with s.20 wounding after biting off the top of another woman's finger.
 - R v AH (Wood Green Crown Court, 2019) – acquittal of man charged with possession with intent to supply Class A drugs.
 - R v MR (Central Criminal Court, 2018) – acquittal of man charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Punched man breaking his nose following an argument on a night out (<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6071645/Fitness-model-broke-City-brokers-nose-cleared-assault-claimed-self-defence.html>).



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- R v AN (Woolwich Crown Court, 2018) – acquittal of man charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm, possession of two knives and criminal damage.
 - R v FE (Court of Appeal, 2017) – convictions of theft and fraud quashed on appeal.
 - R v RM (Harrow Crown Court, 2017) – acquittal of woman charged with affray and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.
 - R v RG (Court of Appeal, 2017) – successful appeal against sentence for robbery case. Sentence reduced from 6 to 5 years.
 - R v DS & others (Hove Crown Court, 2017) – led by Richard Hutchings in defence of client charged with conveying drugs and phones into Lewes prison.
 - R v KL (Central Criminal Court, 2017) – acquittal of man charged with threats to kill.
 - R v LF (Snaresbrook Crown Court, 2017) – acquittal of man charged with threats to kill.
 - R v KH (Woolwich Crown Court, 2017) – acquittal of man charged with possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply.
 - R v AF (Isleworth Crown Court, 2017) – acquittal of man charged with possessing false identity document with intent.
 - R v ND (Woolwich Crown Court, 2016) – acquittal of man charged with witness intimidation.
 - R v AC (Woolwich Crown Court, 2016) – acquittal of man charged with threatening with bladed article.
 - R v DL (Court of Appeal, 2016) – appeal against sentence for cultivating cannabis.
 - R v BP (Woolwich Crown Court, 2016) – acquittal of man charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm.
 - R v AS (Aylesbury Crown Court, 2016) – acquittal of man charged with threats to kill.

- Prosecution



- R v JE & Ors (Swansea Crown Court, 2021) – led by Nigel Fryer in successful Operation Empire prosecution – conspiracy to supply Class A drugs in the Newport area.
- R v MU (Southwark Crown Court, 2020) – prosecution and conviction of man charged with attempted s.18 and dangerous driving having deliberately driven his car at a man with whom he had been fighting.
- R v JR & ors (Peterborough Crown Court, 2020) – led by Dan Wright in successful prosecution of four young men charged with violent disorder and s.18 wounding.
- R v TM (Southwark Crown Court, 2018) – secured conviction of man charged with numerous commercial burglaries.
- R v JD, PB & CM (Peterborough Crown Court, 2017) – conviction of three men charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm.
- R v IA (Woolwich Crown Court, 2016) – conviction of man charged with causing grievous bodily harm.
- R v DG (Wood Green Crown Court, 2016) – conviction of man charged with robbery and possessing bladed article.
- R v AD (Harrow Crown Court, 2015) – conviction of man charged with blackmail of vulnerable victim.

Education

- University of Manchester, History
- BPP Law School, BPTC
- BPP Law School, GDL

Awards, Scholarships and Memberships

- Ann Goddard Scholarship, Gray's Inn
- Prince of Wales Scholarship, Gray's Inn
- BPP Manchester Moot Winner
- GDL Scholarship, Gray's Inn
- Cohen Scholarship, BPP Law School
- CPS RASSO Panel
- CPS Panel Advocate Grade 3
- Criminal Bar Association

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