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Adam Watkins

Year of call: 2004

Former Solicitor, admitted 1984

Areas of Practice

Adam qualified as a solicitor in 1994 and spent ten years practising exclusively in criminal law in Manchester, initially at Maidments and thereafter at JMW. In 2004 he transferred to the Bar completing a Pupillage at Peel Court.

His experiences as a solicitor have given Adam a thorough grounding in the practical problems faced by solicitors and legal representatives at all stages of case preparation from Police Station advice onwards.

Since being called to the Bar, Adam has been instructed in a wide range of cases from "bread and butter" crime through to rape, armed robbery and the alleged deliberate infliction of the HIV virus.

Having been a solicitor Adam's practice has had a defence slant but he has also been regularly instructed by the CPS, (he is a Grade 3 Prosecutor) and for the Revenue and Customs Prosecution Office.

Adam has gained further valuable experience appearing as a Junior Counsel for both the Prosecution and the Defence in complex, multi-defendant cases. He also has experience of working closely with solicitors and the Legal Services Commission in the preparation of VHCC cases.

Significant Cases

R v Bates - 2005 in Liverpool Crown Court. Defended a man charged with intentional transmission of the HIV virus

R v Morgan and Others - 2006 in Birmingham Crown Court, Junior Counsel for a defendant in a multi-defendant breach of copyright conspiracy

R v Horvat and Others - 2007 In Liverpool Crown Court. Junior Counsel for a defendant in a multi-million pound drug importation

R v Nelson - Junior Counsel for a defendant charged with murder arising out of the alleged gang shooting of a 16 year old





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