



Matthew Curtis

Introduction

Matthew is a busy practitioner with experience in a wide range of cases acting for both prosecution and defence.

Since 2011, Matthew has been Category 3 prosecutor on the Crown Prosecution Service Advocate Panel Scheme and is now on the specialist rape and child sexual abuse list.

Matthew has particular expertise representing vulnerable defendants and questioning vulnerable witnesses. He has received praise from a registered intermediary and judges for his preparation and advocacy. Appearing predominantly in Crown Court centers in North Wales and Merseyside / Cheshire, Matthew has also appeared in the Administrative Court and in the Court of Appeal representing both appellants and respondents.

Matthew also has experience representing interested parties at inquests in Coroner's Courts.

Career History

Matthew was brought up and educated in North Wales. He completed his pupillage at Nicholas Street Chambers and has practiced in Chester since then.

Recent Cases

Defended in Operation Measure trial <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/paul-david-williams-drug-network-9672528>

Defended in Operation Yonside trial <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/three-guilty-north-wales-drug-8854542>

R (BW) v Caernarfon Youth Court and Crown Prosecution Service [2013] EWHC 1466 (Admin)

R v Melanie Smith (Murder - led by Ian Murphy QC) www.judiciary.gov.uk

R v Craig Williams [The Daily Post](#)

O'Leary International Ltd (Appellant) v Chief Constable of North Wales (Respondent) & Crown Prosecution Service (Interested Party) (2012) [2012] EWHC 1516 (Admin)

R v Howard, Knox & Jones (Operation Barometer) (drugs conspiracy - led by Owen Edwards) [Chester Chronicle](#)

Education

September 2011, attended the South Eastern Circuit Keble Advocacy Course
2005-2006 Manchester Metropolitan University - Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent)
2001-2004 Keble College, University of Oxford - Jurisprudence (Upper second class)

Year of Call

2006

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Memberships and Associations

Wales & Chester Circuit (Member of the Circuit Management Board 2014)

South Eastern Circuit

Criminal Bar Association

Society of Conservative Lawyers