



Michael Whitty

Introduction

Michael currently enjoys a general common law practice, encompassing work in the Criminal and Family Courts.

Criminal Practice

Michael has experience in a broad range of criminal work. He regularly conducts trials in the Crown Court – both defending and prosecuting. He has conducted cases in the Divisional Court and the Court of Appeal. He has dealt with appeals by way of case stated to the High Court and has been instructed in cases where the issue of abuse of process has been raised.

Michael has been instructed in a number of murder trials and other complex cases involving many thousands of pages of evidence.

Michael also has experience of conducting cases in the Court Martial. He has represented military personnel and members of their families in courts within the United Kingdom and in military locations abroad.

Michael also has a particular expertise in the cash seizure and forfeiture provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and has significant experience in presenting and responding to applications for forfeiture as well conducting appeals against forfeiture orders. Furthermore he has delivered seminars in relation to this area of law which were accredited for the purposes of Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Family Practice

Michael undertakes all aspects of family work. He conducts cases at all levels, regularly appearing in cases before the Family Justices as well as before District and Circuit Judges. He is regularly involved in private and public law children cases and is instructed on behalf of parents, local authorities and children in family proceedings.

Recent Cases

- R v Brown & Others – Manchester Crown Court 2015 (Defence counsel in a 3 month trial involving 17 defendants and in excess of 28,000 pages of evidence)
- R v Preverte – Mold Crown Court 2014 (Prosecution junior in murder case involving the issues of insane automatism and loss of control)
- R v Hecko – Caernarfon Crown Court 2013 (Prosecution junior in a case involving an allegation of murder)
- R v Heywood – Chester Crown Court 2012 (Junior counsel in a case involving the prosecution of a solicitor for fraud and perverting the course of justice)
- H v CPS (Appeal by way of case stated to the Divisional Court dealing with the issue of consent as a defence in relation to allegations of assault [2010] EWHC 1374 (Admin), [2012] Q.B. 257 (DC), [2010] 4 All ER 264, Archbold 19-233 2015 Edition)

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2005

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Career History and Education

Michael originally hails from Bristol and studied Law and French Law at Liverpool University. He spent a year studying French Law at the Sorbonne University in Paris. He then completed his Bar Vocational training at Cardiff University. He was called to the Bar in 2005 and joined chambers in 2006.

Memberships and Associations

Middle Temple

Languages

Michael speaks French and conversational Spanish.