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Matthew Stewart

Call: 2019

Crime

Having completed his pupillage under the supervision of Gill Batts, Matthew has developed a busy practice in prosecuting and defending in both the Crown Court and Magistrates' Court. He is known for his relatable personality and fearless approach to trials which sees him regularly instructed by both the CPS and defence solicitors to act on their behalf.

Matthew has significant experience in dealing with offences of violence, dishonesty, public order and road traffic offences. Such range of experience has required Matthew to deploy his specialist knowledge in applications on matters of law, such as hearsay and bad character applications. He also has experience of dealing with sensitive matters in the Youth Court.

Matthew prides himself on his meticulous preparation and client-led approach. He is keen to continue to develop his criminal practice.

Notable cases

- R v Allen – Instructed to represent a former headteacher charged with historic sexual offences against former pupils. Suspended sentence imposed.
- R v N – Instructed to represent a Defendant charged with possession with intent to supply Class B drugs. Defendant acquitted after successfully challenging expert evidence.



Education:

2017 - The University of Leeds Law (LLB Hons) 2:1
2019 - The University of Law - Leeds Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) Very Competent

Career:

2020 - Pupil at Park Square Barristers, Leeds
2021 - Tenant at Park Square Barristers
2021 - Level 1 Prosecutor
2021 - Level 2 Prosecutor

Awards:

2019 - KBW Criminal Moot Finalist
2019 - 3rd Place at CEDR National Negotiation Competition

Contact Matthew's clerks

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Personal Injury

Matthew enjoys a busy mixed civil practice and is regularly instructed on a variety of matters including small claims track trials, credit hire, Stage 3 disposals and interim applications. He has experience of dealing with hearings both remotely and in person.

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Commercial & Chancery

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Children Law

Matthew is keen to expand his private and public children law practice. He has experience of

both prosecuting and defending in the criminal courts, giving him the emotional intelligence and experience in dealing with sensitive matters.

Contact Matthew's clerks

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Paul Foster on 0113 213 5209

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Regulatory & Public

Matthew has undertaken a secondment with and continues to be instructed by Humberside & South Yorkshire Police. This involves drafting applications and providing advice in relation to protective public orders, such as Sexual Harm Prevention Orders, Stalking Protection Orders and Domestic Violence Protection Orders.

Most recently, he has been advising on the COVID-19 health regulations procedure used by the police throughout lockdown.

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