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Practice Overview

Josh defends and prosecutes in all matters of serious and complex crime regularly appearing in the Crown, Magistrates', and Youth courts, the High Court and Court of Appeal. Josh is a Grade 4 CPS Advocate and on the RASSO panel.

Notable and Reported cases

- Defence
 - R v KS (Cardiff Crown Court, 2024) – currently instructed as leading counsel for Defendant in Operation Mayland.
 - R v AI (Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court, 2023) – acquittal of man charged with assault on Tesco employee which left him with two broken arms.
 - R v KJ (Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court, 2022) – acquittal of man charged with seven counts of sexual assault on his pregnant ex-partner.
 - R v JM (Cardiff Youth Court, 2022) – acquittal of youth charged with s.18 GBH. Successful submission of no case to answer.
 - R v DB (Chester Crown Court, 2021) – acquittal of man charged with historic sexual assaults on a child.
 - 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 RM (Harrow Crown Court, 2017) – acquittal of woman charged with affray and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.
 - 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 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 DD (Newport Crown Court, 2024) – successful prosecution of man for campaign of sexual assault against his niece.
 - R v RH (Newport Crown Court, 2024) – conviction of man charged with attempted abduction of 13-year-old girl in Abergavenny.
 - R v LL (Cardiff Crown Court, 2022) – successful prosecution of man for “single punch” GBH with intent on a taxi driver.
 - R v SW (Cardiff Crown Court, 2022) – successful prosecution of man for GBH with intent. Defendant punched and then stamped on victim repeatedly fracturing his jaw in multiple areas.
 - 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.



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- 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.

 - Appellate work
 - R v GB – (Court of Appeal, 2023) – successfully opposed appeal against conviction and sentence.
 - R v AB (Court of Appeal, 2021) – secured reduction of sentence in curfew for youth convicted of robbery.
 - R v FE (Court of Appeal, 2017) – convictions of theft and fraud quashed on appeal.
 - R v RG (Court of Appeal, 2017) – successful appeal against sentence for armed robbery.

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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