

3PB Barrister Profile



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Academic Qualifications

University of Newcastle upon Tyne (Law degree)

Inns of Court School of Law (Bar Vocational Course)

Adam Hiddleston practices in criminal law for both prosecution and defence. He is an expert in regulatory and disciplinary law. Adam is approved to accept Public Access work.

Nature of Practice and Work Experience

Has experience at all levels of the criminal justice system including the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) and Supreme Court (Privy Council).

Regularly appears for prosecution (at Grade 4 level) and defence. Appointed to the Attorney General's Unified List of Prosecuting Counsel.

Regularly leads junior counsel or advocates in prosecution and defence cases.

Instructions for both prosecution and defence alike, ordinarily concern serious criminal matters such as sexual offences (rape, indecent assault and offences against children), serious drugs offences (supply and conspiracy allegations up to and including Class A drugs), violence (up to and including manslaughter and murder), dishonesty (up to and including serious fraud), immigration offences and proceeds of crime applications. Defends in Courts Martial, both in this country and abroad and appears on behalf of prisoners at parole and similar hearings.

Currently instructed in a Privy Council appeal against conviction for murder from Jamaica.

Instructed by various agencies to prosecute and by defence in regulatory matters in both Magistrate's and Crown Courts (e.g. local authority prosecutions (food safety, environment/planning and trading standards), Health and Safety (up to and including fatal accidents) and Department of Work and Pensions (e.g. benefit fraud).

Experience of other tribunals includes, Licensing, Transport, Pensions and various disciplinary tribunals (health professions and police). Has advised in extradition proceedings.

Instructed by the Legal Services Commission in proceedings for the recovery of defence costs.

Considerable experience has been gained in the management and presentation of complex financial evidence, matters of public interest immunity, evidence from undercover operations and the use of covert recordings.

Non-practice Interests and Appointments

- Treasurer, Western Circuit (Elected, 2002-2006)
- Circuit Junior, Western Circuit (Elected, 2006-2008)
- Member, Western Circuit Executive Committee (Elected, 2008 to date)
- Member for the Western Circuit, Bar Council of England & Wales (Elected, 2008 to date). Currently sitting on the Professional Practice Committee.
- The Honorable Society of the Inner Temple, member of the Bar Liaison Committee and Circuit Committee.
- Member of the Executive Committee, Bar Human Rights Committee (Elected, 2011 to date).
- In 2009, travelled to Mexico with an international delegation organized by the BHRC. Assisted in the preparation and presentation of the report, (*Recalling the Rule of Law?* - House of Lords, 2010) that followed the visit. Returned to Mexico in September 2011 as part of a follow-up delegation that reviewed the current situation and conducted training in adversarial court procedure.

Other qualifications

- Called to the Bar by the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (British Virgin Islands) 2011
- Licensed Advocacy Trainer (Inner Temple 2011)
- Treasurer, Hampshire Sessions Bar Mess (Elected, 2011 to date)
- Judge at the final of the National Mock Trial Competition (Citizenship Foundation), Belfast 2011

Some notable recent cases

R. v. Bowyer & Others -

Led by Q.C. in manslaughter prosecution of a mother who refused to take her infant son to hospital after he had consumed her methadone.

R. v. Gilmore & Others -

Conspiracy to supply of Class A drugs. Instructed for the prosecution (leading junior counsel) at 6 week trial and subsequent POCA application.

R. v. L, R. v. N [2004] EWCA Crim 1414

- Historic sexual abuse.

R. v. Ling & another -

Dealing in substantial quantities of counterfeit 'Microsoft' products. Instructed for the defence at trial and subsequent POCA application.

R. v. Luke -

Employment of illegal immigrants. Instructed for the defence at trial and subsequent POCA application.

R. v. McAllister [1996] EWCA Crim 993

- Reluctant acquiescence in sexual offences.

R. v. Phillips & Others -

Theft of high value plant machinery and exporting it abroad. Instructed for the prosecution (leading junior counsel) at 8 week trial and subsequent POCA application.

R. v. Pour & Others (Operation Starfish) -

Conspiracy to supply of Class A drugs. Instructed for the prosecution (leading junior counsel) at 10 week trial and subsequent POCA applications.

R. v. Pryer & Another [2004] EWCA Crim 1263

- 'No case to answer' submissions.

R. v. Wu and another -

Employment of illegal immigrants. Instructed for the prosecution at trial and subsequent POCA application.

Professional Qualifications and Appointments

- Legal Assessor to the General Dental Council
- Legal Assessor to the General Medical Council
- Legal Assessor to the General Optical Council
- Legal Assessor to the Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Attorney-General's Junior Counsel to the Crown (B Panel)

Professional Bodies

- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Avocats Sans Frontières
- Criminal Bar Association
- JUSTICE
- Western Circuit