



## Adam Birkby

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Qualification: BA (Hons) - Kings College, University of London  
MSt – University of Cambridge  
CPE – City University  
BVC – Nottingham Law School

Year of Call: 2006

Inn: Middle Temple

### **Main Areas of Practice:**

#### **General Crime:**

Predominantly represents Defendants in the Crown Court. Has experience in:

- Offences of violence including section 18 OAPA 1861;
- Sexual offences including the possession of indecent images, sexual assault and assault by penetration;
- Drug offences including conspiracy to import and supply Class A;
- Offences involving large scale public disorder;
- Dishonesty offences including robbery and conspiracy to commit “Hanoi”-style burglaries;
- Fraud;
- Offences against public justice;
- Money laundering;
- Confiscation proceedings;
- Motoring law.

CPS Grade 2 Prosecutor (since 2009 – currently under assessment for re-grading to CPS Grade 3).

Approved as a prosecuting advocate for the Attorney General's C list (since 2009).

### **Criminal Regulatory:**

Prosecuted cases brought by DEFRA, the Food Standards Agency, the Gangmasters Licensing Authority, the Health and Safety Executive, the Environment Agency, Trading Standards and various Local Authorities.

Represented Defendants in both the Magistrates' and Crown Courts in cases brought by Trading Standards and Local Authorities.

Advised and represented Defendants and Local Authorities in the civil jurisdiction in cases concerning anti-social behaviour orders/injunctions, non-molestation orders and committals to prison.

### **Inquests:**

Experience in inquests concerning road traffic accidents and workplace accidents. Currently instructed by a Local Authority in an inquest concerning a drowning in a busy harbour.

### **Prison Law:**

Advised and represented prisoners in adjudication hearings, parole board hearings (including "lifer" hearings and recalls on licence), claims for false imprisonment and personal injury.

Advised and represented Probation Services and prison authorities in claims for false imprisonment and negligence.

Delivered training to solicitors on the practicalities of prison law and LSC funding.

### **Personal Injury:**

Experience in representing and advising both Defendants and Claimants in personal injury work including RTAs, highways cases, employers liability and occupiers liability, at all levels up to and including multi-track.

Advised and represented claimants in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal.

Successfully appealed against the decision of the CICA not to award compensation to a physically and mentally disabled youth who suffered abuse in a care home, securing over £3,000.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Recent & significant cases:**

- **R v Price [2010] Leeds Crown Court**  
*Led junior (by Paul Greaney QC) for the principal Defendant in a large-scale conspiracy to supply cannabis and amphetamine.*
- **R v Rowntree [2010] EWCA Crim 3227**  
*Successful appeal against sentence for Defendant involved in a conspiracy to import and supply cannabis (Operation Grey Abbey).*
- **R v Ahmed [2010] EWCA Crim 3133**  
*Successful appeal against sentence for Defendant involved in drugs-related blackmail, abduction and torture.*

- **R v Lupton (Operation Yankee) [2010] Leeds Crown Court**  
*Defendant in conspiracy to commit “Hanoi”-style burglaries across North-East and North-West England.*
- **R v Rodley and others [2010] Leeds Crown Court**  
*Prosecution of large-scale organised football-related violence on the railway system.*
- **Operation Greystoke [2010] Bradford Crown Court**  
*Multiple Defendants in an undercover operation targeting the supply of Class A drugs in Huddersfield and Dewsbury; successful dismissal argument on strength of identification evidence.*
- **Operation Greenhill [2010] Leeds Crown Court**  
*Multiple Defendants in an undercover operation targeting the supply of Class A drugs in Leeds.*
- **R v Joseph Housen and others [2009/2010] Bradford Crown Court**  
*Led junior (by Martin Sharpe) in a conspiracy to supply Class A drugs; analysis of complex mobile phone records.*
- **DEFRA v Harold Benson [2009] Preston Crown Court**  
*First ever prosecution under the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 for the unlicensed employment of cockle pickers in the Morecombe Bay area.*
- **R v Sharazi and others [2008] Bradford Crown Court**  
*Led junior (by Nadim Bashir) in a conspiracy to commit drugs-related abduction, false imprisonment and torture; analysis of complex mobile phone records.*

#### **Scholarships:**

- Queen Mother's Scholar of the Middle Temple 2005-2006.
- Campbell Foster Prize (for BVC results) of the Middle Temple 2006.

#### **Specialist Associations:**

- Criminal Bar Association.
- Bar Pro Bono Unit.
- Free Representation Unit.

#### **Clerks:**

- Crime: Wayne Stevens and Karen Guy.
- Civil: Moira Paxton and Janet Jackson.