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Charley prosecutes and defends in the Magistrates', Crown and Youth courts.

Charley has been instructed in a wide variety of criminal matters, including serious violence, drug offences and sexual offences. Charley has a strong interest in youth justice and is particularly effective at gaining the trust of young people caught up in the Criminal Justice System.

Prior to pupillage, Charley undertook pro bono work representing individuals at every stage of proceedings in matters of social security, housing and employment. Charley maintains an active commitment to pro bono work.

Charley was recently asked to join the Lexis Nexis 'Meet the Experts' panel, from which he regularly contributes pieces of writing to the legal database.

In his spare time, Charley is an avid reader and chess player. He supports Hull City.

Expertise

Notable cases

R – v JC – St Albans Crown Court – 07/04/25 – 12/04/25

Charley secured the acquittal of JC, who was on trial for PWITS B after a police raid of his flat revealed 1.8 kilograms of cannabis in bags which had his fingerprints on, half of which appeared to have been weighed into deals. Charley successfully applied to exclude purported ID evidence which was obtained in breach of PACE

R v RL – Kingston Crown Court – 03/2025

Charley secured a suspended sentence for RL in respect of one count of causing death by careless driving and one count of driving without his prescription eyeglasses. RL was a London bus driver who caused the death of a pedestrian who was using a zebra crossing by colliding with him whilst travelling at 28 mph on a 20 mph road.

R v MH – Harrow Crown Court (Sitting at the CCC)

Charley secured the acquittal of MH, who was charged with PWITS Class B after being arrested in an alleyway known for drug dealing carrying £450 in cash and 22 snap bags of cannabis. MH was unanimously acquitted after a two day trial.

R v TS – Ipswich Crown Court

Charley was instructed to prosecute this CPS Grade 3 The defendant was convicted of a domestic robbery after a four-day trial which involved issues of voice and visual identification and a highly vulnerable complainant.

Youth Court

R v RS – Highbury Corner Youth Court

Charley represented RS in robbery proceedings that turned on forensic evidence. Following extensive legal argument as to the admissibility of the forensics in both written and oral submissions, Charley was successful in creating a situation which required that the CPS offer no evidence.

R v Z – Stratford Youth Court

Charley secured the acquittal of Z, a youth, in respect of attempted s18 wounding and aggravated burglary with intent to cause serious injury. Z and another had armed themselves with knives and attended the property of the complainant, also a youth, who was there with his mother when the two arrived. The case turned on Z's mindset and required particularly sensitive witness handling.

Magistrates' Court

R v RL – Oxford MC

Charley defended RL against one charge of s2 harassment in a 4 day Magistrates' Court trial which required particularly complex legal argument as to the admissibility of evidence of sexual proclivities and a cross-allegation of rape.

R v JB – Ipswich Magistrates

Charley made a successful half time submission in respect of one charge of sexual assault and two charges of assault by beating following cross-examination of the three co-defendants which highlighted a litany of significant inconsistencies in their account. The defendant had special educational needs and therefore required particular sensitivity at all times.