

Oliver Kelham

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Oliver Kelham has a broad practice, defending and prosecuting in cases across the range of criminal offences, from charges of serious violence, drugs, and sexual offences to dishonesty, public order, and road traffic matters.

He receives both privately and publicly funded instructions. He also defends in extradition cases.

Oliver has particular experience defending in the Youth Court and has a keen interest in cases concerning modern slavery. He regularly represents youths charged with serious offences and is adept at identifying issues surrounding possible exploitation at an early stage.

Oliver joined 3TG in April 2020, following successful completion of his pupillage in Chambers. He maintains a busy practice, both as a led junior and as a junior alone. He has been instructed as Independent Counsel for the Serious Fraud Office, reviewing legal privilege in a large, ongoing investigation, and has trained as a case presenter for the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Expertise

Violence

Oliver is frequently instructed in cases involving allegations of violence and public order.

Notable Violence cases

R v M [2021]

Four-handed affray trial at Harrow Crown Court.

R v A [2020]

Represented A, a youth accused of armed kidnap. The case involved complex issues, including the instruction of an intermediary for the complainant.

R v K [2019]

K was acquitted of attempted knifepoint robbery following a three-handed, Youth Court trial.

R v W [2019]

W was handed a suspended sentence for a serious and prolonged assault occasioning actual bodily harm, following a Newton Hearing.

Organised Crime

Oliver has a burgeoning practice defending in cases involving organised crime, particularly in matters related to drugs.

Notable Organised Crime cases

R v B [2021]

Led junior in a case arising from Operation Gilta. B was acquitted of all matters.

R v M [2021]

Suspended sentence secured for M, who pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply Class A drugs.

Road Traffic & Motoring Offences

Oliver is regularly instructed in respect of road traffic matters. He has a broad knowledge of the technical aspects of this area of law.

Notable Road Traffic & Motoring Offences cases

R v T [2021]

Careful and detailed mitigation led to the imposition of a community order for two consecutive offences of driving whilst disqualified.

R v D [2020]

D was acquitted, after trial, of alleged offences including driving whilst disqualified and failing to stop for police. The defence of duress of circumstances was successfully established.

Extradition

Oliver regularly acts in extradition proceedings, including the drafting of grounds of appeal to the High Court. He is adept at identifying issues, both at first instance and on appeal.

Notable Extradition cases

R v B [2021]

Represented B, whose extradition was sought by Germany in respect of both a conviction warrant and an accusation warrant.

R v D [2021]

Successfully obtained permission to appeal on Article 8 grounds.

R v G [2020]

A complex, Part 1 accusation warrant case. Advised on the numerous issues raised, including on appeal.

Professional Discipline

Oliver has trained as a case presenter for the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Memberships

- Gray's Inn.
- Criminal Bar Association.
- Young Legal Aid Lawyers.