



Criminal Law - Prosecution and Defence.
Disciplinary Tribunals.

Over the past twelve months, Joe has tackled a typically wide-ranging series of intriguing and serious cases, e.g:

NOTABLE CASES

DEFENDING:

- R v Pitt and Others - "Pitt-Bull" case – gang-related Murder and Drugs Conspiracies
- R v Chadwick and Others - Operation Pickawick" – "diversion" Fraud
- R v Arthur Thompson - Multiple "historical sex-abuse"
- R v Brooks & Others - 5-month "smuggling" Fraud
- R v Burns & Others - 2-month "high-yield investment Fraud
- R v Dineley - 30 year-old rape of sister
- R v Fernihough - large-scale VAT fraud at Winchester Crown Court
- R v Ellison - fraud by health centre practice manager in Rochdale
- R v Freeman - RSPCA-instigated investigation into poisoning raptors in North Yorkshire grouse moors
- R v Pequici - Albanian defendant with hidden cache of revolvers in Wigan
- R v Mitchell - serving policeman falsely accused of gross misconduct in public office
- R v Ward - Defendant extradited from Ireland to face inciting death by dangerous driving by employee in Manchester
- R v Findlay - Haulier with half a million pounds-worth of heroin detected by Dutch telephone intercepts - tried at Canterbury Crown Court
- R v Kane - rape recorded on victim's mobile phone
- R v Burton - armed robbery in Nantwich
- R v Barton - conspiracy to commit armed robbery in Blackburn
- R v Newell - armed robbery in Warrington
- R v Vanden - series of armed robberies in the North West
- R v Phythian - GBH, aggravated burglary and armed robbery in North Wales and Queensferry
- R v Ratcliffe - armed robbery in Salford
- R v Gregory - baby-battering in Burnley
- R v Richards - alleged protection racket targeting commercial premises in Salford

PROSECUTING:

- R v Adetoro and Others - Rochdale "drive-by shootings"
- R v Close - serious sexual assaults on step-daughter while in Majorca
- R v Bibi - "enslavement" of daughters-in-law tricked to travel to England from Pakistan for arranged marriages
- R v Baig and Ditta - sexual assault and false imprisonment by mature defendants preying on teenage girls in Stockport.

EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

Loretto School, Musselburgh

"Late Exhibitioner" St John's College, Cambridge

Lecturer in Law - College of Law, Chester

CPS Branch Crown Prosecutor and Head of Field Operations, CPS HQ

Member of the Criminal Bar Association

Regular lecturer to Law Firms, Magistrates, Northern Circuit, Manchester Law Society and the Police on topics relating to Criminal Law and Human Rights (accredited by the Law Society for "continuing education")

PERSONAL

Married with two children.

LEISURE

Football, golf, tennis, squash, sailing, skiing.