

Philip has built a loyal following of solicitors in crime, civil and immigration in Manchester and across the North-West. He has a strong reputation for hard work, intellectual ability and providing pragmatic and effective advice. Clients, both lay and professional, appreciate Philip's empathy and professionalism and are continuously impressed with his commitment to his cases in any circumstance. Philip is a versatile barrister who is as at ease in the Crown court as the County Court and Immigration Tribunal.

## Civil and Commercial

Philip has been instructed in a variety of civil matters, drafting all types of civil paperwork including statements of case, skeleton arguments for trial and applications, and specific advice. Philip guarantees a one week turnaround for all infant advice quantum. Philip has advised claimant solicitors on several occasions where there are issues identifying the defendant driver and the insurance consequences arising out of this and who to pursue.

## Notable Cases

**Charity Commission** – Philip was involved in the disclosure performed by the public body. This was a complex and lengthy exercise involving analysis of a substantial amount of documentation and balancing the needs of privilege, data protection and confidentiality against disclosure.

**DK v LADL** – Philip has appeared in the High Court in a multi-track trial on a contractual dispute for an alleged diamond worth several million pounds.

**CT v MOD** – Philip has appeared in a costs hearing for a multi-track case with solicitor's costs being justified well into 6 figures.

**DD v PP** – Philip has drafted advice and statements of case for a complex contractual matter concerning the provision of electricity to a stand at a business fair.

## Crime

Philip appears in both the magistrates' and Crown Courts predominantly undertaking defence work. Philip has been involved in many cases that defy his experience including very serious offences of violence and drugs whereby he has successfully achieved very favourable results for his clients. He was also involved with a notable MTIC fraud case in Liverpool Crown court worth tens of millions of pounds.

## Notable Cases

**R v M** – Philip defended a step-father on several counts of historic sexual abuse against two step-daughters.



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## PRACTICE AREAS

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**R v B Trust** – Philip used legal argument in order to get a driving offence dropped against a charitable trust who had been incorrectly named throughout the proceedings.

**R v L** – Philip secured a non-custodial sentence for defendant convicted of a sexual assault of an 8 year old which was caught on CCTV.

**R v M** – Philip defended a youth charged with several section 18 offences against 4 individuals and secured a 24 month DTO.

**R v W** – This was a one of a number of successfully defended magistrates trials involving offences relating to driving. Using his knowledge of RTA in civil proceedings Philip has been able to bolster his clients' prospects.

**R v S** – Philip defended a complex trial in the Crown Court involving violence, police informants and corruption.

**RSPCA v W** – Philip successfully negotiated for 6 of the 7 counts to be dropped on a favourable basis whilst defending a client charged with various offences relating to the living conditions of animals.

**R v P** – Philip successfully secured the acquittal of the defendant in the magistrates' court accused of minor sexual offences that would have had the severe consequence that he be placed on the register.

## Inquests

Philip has the benefit of having both a civil and crime practice and a previous career involving business and commerce. He is able to use this to great effect when dealing with inquest work as the consequences for clients can be far ranging.

## Notable Cases

**The inquest of PM** – Philip was led by Kate Blackwell QC in a 9-week inquest into the death of a British National killed whilst working in Iraq in the security industry.

## Immigration

Philip is regarded as a very passionate and committed Immigration barrister. Having had personal experience of the appeal process, his empathy and knowledge have helped numerous clients be successful in their appeals. Using his knowledge of crime, Philip has been involved in challenging the deportation process following criminal sentence for foreign nationals and the process between the two areas of law.



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**B v Home Secretary** – Philip successfully appealed a spouse visa refusal that was illogically founded on the fact that the British partner, a 74-year, could easily relocate to Zimbabwe having never visited there his whole life.

**A v Home Secretary** – Philip successfully argued that the case be withdrawn due to the delay being the fault of the respondent and the 14-year rule under the old rules was therefore applicable and achieved.

## Personal Interests

Philip is from the North West and went to school in Macclesfield where he achieved top results throughout. He graduated with Honours from Durham University where he competed for the University in the International Telders Moot Competition. He is a Member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn and attained a Walter Wigglesworth Scholarship from the Inn.



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