

Lewis Bocking

Call to Bar: 2021



Lewis is a driven, conscientious and persuasive advocate. He is instructed to prosecute and defend in cases across the Magistrates' and Crown Court, and other specialist tribunals, in criminal law and regulatory matters.

Lewis employs a meticulous approach to case preparation, leaving no stone unturned, and represents his clients fearlessly. He is adept at handling complex issues of fact, law and procedure, such as bad character, hearsay, disclosure, and POCA issues. Lewis provides a consistent high-level of advocacy, with both his robust oral submissions and cogent written work. For those who instruct him, Lewis provides clear, prompt written advice on prospects of success in appeals, instructing experts, and other trial-related issues.

Prior to pupillage, Lewis gained a wealth of experience at a leading national law firm's Crown Court department. There, he regularly dealt with legally and factually sophisticated issues in matters ranging from firearms, ss.18 & 20 woundings, drugs, frauds, robberies, (aggravated) burglaries and domestic and sexual violence, such as coercive or controlling behaviour allegations. He also assisted senior partners with their caseloads, dealing with allegations of the utmost gravity, including a range of homicides, RASSO matters, large-scale drugs conspiracies and other OCG-based violence.

Lewis is regularly instructed to represent vulnerable defendants with serious mental health issues and diagnoses; accordingly, he has a thorough knowledge about the disposal of such cases. Lewis is able confidently to manage voluminous forms of information and evidence, including sequences of events and expert reports.

Lewis has built a reputation for his intellectual ability, diligence and tactical acumen, which is deployed to the advantage of those he represents.

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Practice areas:

Crime

At the University of Cambridge, Lewis ranked top of his MPhil cohort, receiving a distinction and numerous prizes for his academic performance. For his LL.M, in which he obtained a Distinction, he analysed the practicalities of money laundering regulations. Lewis also holds a first-class law degree.

Lewis has a specialist interest in sentencing and received the Sentencing Academy Thesis Prize (2022) for his original research undertaken at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge, which critically assessed the approaches of Crown Court judges to offence-specific sentencing guidelines.

During pupillage, under the expert supervision of Simon Gurney, Lewis gained wide-ranging experience across Chambers' practice areas and invites instructions spanning Chambers' core specialisms.

Awards

[2022] Recipient of The Sentencing Academy Thesis Prize 2022

[2022] Proxime Accessit to the Manuel Lopez-Rey Prize, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge

Memberships

The Northern Circuit

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Education

[2020] LLB (Hons) at LJMU - First Class Honours (ranked in top 5 of cohort)

[2021] LLM Legal Practice (Bar) at BPP University - Distinction

[2022] MPhil in Criminology at Queens' College, University of Cambridge - Distinction (ranked top of cohort)