



Marcus Harry

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Overview

Marcus Harry is a Barrister specialising in Criminal, Regulatory and Housing law.

Marcus is a well-established criminal barrister with extensive Crown Court experience. He appears for both the Crown and Defence and has been instructed alone as well as led junior counsel.

He also has a wide ranging regulatory practice appearing in the Crown and Magistrates' Court where he both prosecutes and defends.

Marcus has developed a strong practice in social housing law acting for local government, housing associations and tenants in the County Court, High Court and has recently been instructed to appear in the Court of Appeal.

Practice Areas

Criminal

Marcus is a well-established criminal barrister with extensive Crown Court experience. He appears for both the Crown and Defence and has been instructed alone as well as led junior counsel.

Marcus is regularly instructed in cases of serious sexual assault including rape and historic offences, s.18 woundings, high value frauds, firearms and drugs conspiracies.

He is currently instructed as junior counsel in a £24 million fraud and as junior alone in a county lines drugs conspiracy involving upwards of 5kg of Class A drugs.

Other recent cases include the historic rape and serious sexual assault of a 5-year-old; the wounding of a police officer with a crowbar; violent false imprisonment and degradation of the victim and the two-handed rape of a 13-year-old.

Marcus also has a long-standing interest in cases with a regulatory element, having been instructed by Trading Standards and been involved in DEFRA, HMRC, RSPCA and Local Authority prosecutions. These cases include a farmer prosecuted by DEFRA for fraudulently claiming over £200,000 of EU subsidies; a "cowboy" builder accused of multiple fraud and CPUTR offences (including violence); the prosecution of a (HMO) landlord for multiple health and safety offences; and the possession and supply of counterfeit tobacco on a commercial scale.

Marcus applies his meticulous approach to detail in every case in which he is instructed.

Notable Cases

R v A & B (2016)

Defence counsel for one of two defendants jointly charged with the rape of a 13-year-old. Defendant acquitted.

R v O & T (2016)

Defence of a man charged with wounding a police officer with a crowbar during an attempted dwelling house burglary.

R v RK (2016)

Defence of a man charged with attempted rape and ABH. Defendant acquitted.

R v SW (2016)

Defence of a man charged with rape of his partner. Involved complex cross-examination of a vulnerable complainant. The jury were discharged having been unable to reach a verdict.

R v B & T (2016)

Successful prosecution of defendants jointly charged with the importation of drugs into the UK.

R v EF (2015)

Defence of a man charged with the historic rape of a 5-year-old and numerous sexual assaults of a child. Involved complex issues of law and required careful cross-examination of a complainant who had suffered with serious mental health difficulties.

R v JG (2015)

Defence of a man charged with criminal damage with intent to endanger life having dropped a brick from a bridge onto a police car attending an emergency call.

R v GT & AP (2015)

Junior counsel in a 6 week £1 million fraud trial involving a large number of hearing impaired complainants.

Regulatory

Marcus has a wide ranging regulatory practice appearing in the Crown and Magistrates' Court where he both prosecutes and defends.

He has developed a strong practice dealing with trading standards, food hygiene, animal welfare, and taxi licensing prosecutions. He is instructed by HM Revenue and Customs, The Department for Work and Pensions and local authorities alongside regular instructions to defend.

He has a particular interest in fraud cases encompassing consumer protection regulations. He recently defended a builder charged with over 20 offences involving violence used towards elderly complainants. His criminal practice enables him to quickly grasp the issues in cases and provide written advice and prepare for trial.

Notable Cases

Instructed by HMRC to undertake an extensive disclosure exercise in a £10 million fraud.

Prosecution of two defendants in a large scale fraud involving car 'clocking' and multiple victims.

Defence of business owner charged with multiple food hygiene offences.

Prosecution of 'rogue trader' who took deposits for work but failed to deliver.

Qualifications

Bar Vocational Course – Nottingham Law School – “Very Competent”

CPS Graded – Level 3

Recommendations

Legal 500 2021: “Extremely hard-working and dedicated to his clients, with a civil background which is advantageous in confiscation and POCA work.”

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