



Jack Coyne

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Jack Coyne prosecutes and defends in the Crown, Magistrates' and Youth Court. He has a busy criminal practice and is regularly instructed in a wide range of criminal matters on both a publicly and privately funded basis.

Jack has experience dealing with offences across the spectrum of general crime. He has appeared as a led-junior in cases concerning offences of both murder and attempted murder and as junior alone in matters concerning violent offences (including domestic violence), drug supply, weapons offences and sexual offences.

Jack also has experience of the appellate courts and has appeared in both the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) and in the Divisional Court. Jack represented the appellant in *Vilhete v CPS* [2024] EWHC 2171 (Admin), an appeal by way of case stated to the Divisional Court dealing with *res gestae* and which was widely reported.

Jack has experience of dealing with quasi-criminal proceedings. He is instructed to appear on behalf of Transport for London (TfL) in matters concerning licencing and has experience dealing with "Gang Injunction" cases. He is also frequently instructed to represent clients charged with motoring offences.

Practice Areas

Criminal Defence

Notable criminal defence cases

R v TW

D had pleaded guilty to dangerous driving, possession of cannabis, drug driving, driving without a licence, driving without insurance and driving on false plates. The judge sentencing the defendant to 14 months' imprisonment suspended for 18 months following mitigation.

R v GD

The Crown offered no evidence on two charges, domestic related ABH and breach of a restraining order, after an application to adduce the complainant's account as res gestae was successfully resisted by Jack.

R v CD

The defendant was acquitted of assault with intent to resist arrest following a trial which involved the cross-examination of several police officers including on their use of force. A public order offence was also dismissed following a submission of no case to answer.

R v JA

D faced four allegations of ABH and one of possessing an offensive weapon in a public place. Three of the allegations of ABH were dismissed after a submission of no case to answer and the defendant was acquitted of possessing an offensive weapon. The defendant was convicted of one allegation of ABH and following mitigation was sentenced to a nominal fine.

R v WL

The defendant was sentenced to 12 weeks' imprisonment suspended for 2 years following mitigation after pleading guilty to two offences of driving with excess alcohol. The defendant had been arrested for drink driving, charged and released before being arrested for drink driving three days later.

Prosecution

Jack prosecutes on behalf of the CPS in both the Crown Court and the magistrates' court. He is a Level 2 Panel Advocate for General Crime.

Road Traffic

Notable road traffic cases

R v AF

Jack successfully argued special reasons for a charge of no insurance, and the defendant received an absolute discharge.

R v BR

Successful application for exceptional hardship where a defendant fell to be disqualified from driving having "totted". D was sentenced and their licence endorsed but ultimately not disqualified.

R v PF

Successful appeal of sentence to the Crown Court where a disqualification ordered under the “totting up” provisions was reduced from 6 months to 10 weeks.

Publications

- CPS Grade 2 General Crime

Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn
- Criminal Bar Association
- JUSTICE

Education & Awards

- Barrister Training Course (Outstanding), BPP
- LLB Law (with French Law) (1st Class), University of Sheffield

Scholarships and Awards

- Buchanan Prize, Lincolns’ Inn
- Droop Scholarship, Lincolns’ Inn
- Advocacy Scholarship, BPP
- Professor Graham Battersby Prize for Mooting, University of Sheffield