

# Matthew Hardyman

## 1997 (Lincoln's Inn)



### QUALIFICATIONS

BA (Hons) - Brunel  
CPE (Commendation) - Birmingham

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Criminal Bar Association

### AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Matthew is a criminal defence specialist who is instructed on a wide range of serious criminal cases including, kidnapping, violent disorder, wounding, large scale drugs importations, fraud and all kinds of road traffic offences.

He is an effective advocate who has a particular strength in building a rapport with and earning the trust of difficult clients, particularly young defendants charged with serious offences.

Matthew is also an experienced Courts Martial defence advocate.

### REPORTED CASES

***R v Rees & others* [2005] EWCA Crim 1857; [2006] 2 Cr. App. R. (S.) 20; Times, July 22, 2005**

Series of linked cases arising from outbreaks of violent disorder following the 2004 European Championship football matches.

(Matthew was commended by Lord Woolfe LCJ for his economy and realism in submissions).

***R v Hussain* [2007] EWCA Crim 2148**

Possession with intent to supply cannabis / basis of plea (Judge failing to allow opportunity to call evidence to substantiate basis).

***R v Bheht* [2008] EWCA Crim 626**

Young defendant (16 at time of offence and 18 at time of sentence) charged with possession with intent to supply heroin and cocaine.

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## OTHER NOTABLE CASES

***R v Lowe (2006)*** - Wounding with Intent - defendant unfit to plead - trial of the act. Ss 37 and 41 Mental Health Act disposals.

***R v Nabarajah and 7 others (2008)*** - Junior Counsel for defendant charged with credit card fraud, kidnap, blackmail and firearms offences. Large scale (£4m) Sri Lankan conspiracy to compromise thousands of credit cards used at garages. Extensive work into mobile phone analysis and cell-site analysis. - (Acquitted of firearms, kidnap and blackmail).

***R v Rahman and 8 others (2008)*** - First on indictment. Defendant charged with violent disorder and racially aggravated wounding. Admissibility of evidence from MSN instant messenger and chat rooms challenged - (Acquitted of racially aggravated element).

***R v Hussain and 2 others (2009)*** - First on indictment. Defendant charged with kidnap, false imprisonment, wounding and robbery - family dispute - (Acquitted).

***R v Balcozar-Rivero and 3 others (2009)*** - £1 million airline ticketing agency fraud - Multiple shell companies and aliases / identification - (Acquitted).

***R v Burn and 16 others (2010)*** - Conspiracy / large scale cannabis importation (£68m) and money laundering.

***R v Powell (2010)*** - Low level community penalty secured for client convicted of the new offence of Causing Death by Careless Driving.

## INTERESTS

Photography, cycling, gardening and cooking.