

Patrick Maggs

1996 (Inner Temple)



Qualifications

BA (Hons) Exon

Professional Associations

South Eastern Circuit

Languages

Conversational French

Conversational Japanese

Areas of specialisation

Serious Crime

Local Authority Prosecutions

Trading Standards

Licensing

Experience

Patrick's practice encompasses a wide span of defence work, from theft to attempted murder. He prosecutes for the CPS (including the Special Casework Unit), various local authorities and Trading Standards.

He has defended complex confiscation proceedings to the value of £800,000 and, through The Police Federation, has defended police officers in criminal matters

Patrick successfully defended a 21 year old man with a mental age of 12, running duress on an accusation of the supply of Class A drugs

Recently he was junior counsel in the successful defence of a £4 million money laundering case.

He has also been led in the successful prosecution of a conspiracy to supply Class A drugs involving over 140 kgs of cocaine and the subsequent DTA/POCA proceedings, which resulted in the confiscation of over £4 million, a record for the Metropolitan Police

Patrick has experience of a range of POCA matters, including cash detention proceedings

He has wide experience in Prison Law, from appearances before the Parole Board through to disciplinary hearings

He has an occasional speciality defending the retailers, possessors, and producers of pornography.

Patrick has also been involved in local authority quasi-civil proceedings and trading standards matters, for example food hygiene compliance, prosecuting a national electrical retailer for product liability complaints and defending a national chain of estate agents for Property Misdescription Act matters

Patrick has been instructed in this country and abroad to defend in Courts Martial cases

Examples of recent work

Sexual Offences

R v H - Instructed for a client who accepted hospitalising his girlfriend in an attack, but not raping or falsely imprisoning her. Acquitted

R v A - Instructed for the defence for a grandfather said to have assaulted his granddaughter by penetration. Acquitted

R v M - Successful defence of a man said to have raped his ex-girlfriend vaginally and anally. The complainant had run from the locus naked in the early hours of the morning. The client was acquitted on all matters.

R v L - Instructed for the defence in an allegation of sexual assault of a child said to have been witnessed by a woman in loco parentis. Acquitted

Offences of violence

R v A & another - Instructed to defend allegations of kidnap and possession of Firearms in a case with alleged 'Yardie' links. Acquitted on all matters

R v FU - Instructed to prosecute allegations of blackmail in respect of alleged Triad debts. The defendant was convicted

R v P - Successful defence of a taxi driver accused of s18 GBH on a passenger, the latter having been left in a pool of blood in the gutter. The defendant was acquitted

R v R - Successful defence of a client with mental health problems whose previous release from custody had resulted in questions being asked in the Scottish Parliament. He was accused of threats to kill and possession of an imitation firearm, but received Probation supervision

R v C - Successful defence in respect of a 'Fathers-For-Justice' father said to have harassed his sister in law and nephews. Acquitted on all counts

Complex Cases

R v W - Acted as junior defence counsel in a 3½ month case involving historic child abuse at a care home in Norwich. The client was acquitted of the majority of the counts faced at trial, and acquitted of the remaining counts on appeal.

R v K - Instructed for the defence in a long running property and mortgage fraud. The case ultimately resulted in acceptable pleas.

R v O - Currently instructed as junior for the Crown in a conspiracy to rob involving offences on over 30 business premises and 13 defendants.