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### Education

Liverpool John Moores University - LLB Law (2:1)  
University of Manchester - LLM  
BPP - Bar Professional Training Course (Distinction)

### Professional Associations

Middle Temple

### Areas of Specialism

Crime

General Crime

Licencing

Motoring Offences

Animal Welfare Law

### Profile

Lewis completed a highly successful pupillage in 2025 under the supervision of Joseph Hart and Jonathan Lally.

Prior to this, Lewis worked as a paralegal and has experience in case preparation and client liaison for all cases, with a focus on the crown court, including appeals.

#### Crime

Since joining Deans Court, Lewis has developed a busy and varied criminal practice. He defends and prosecutes in the Magistrates' Court, Youth Court and Crown Court and has experience in cases involving serious violence, drug offences, sexual offences and dishonesty offences. Lewis has also appeared in the Court of Appeal. He is a confident advocate that prepares cases meticulously to achieve the best outcome.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Lewis worked as a paralegal at a criminal defence solicitors' firm in Manchester. He assisted the Crown Court department in preparation for cases including murder, serious violent crime, recent and historical sexual allegations and large-scale drug and fraud offences. Lewis therefore understands the importance of communication and is happy to advise in writing or in conference, whether in person or via video link.

#### Regulatory

Lewis is regularly instructed in licencing cases including taxi licencing and has obtained positive results.

He has also been instructed in private prosecutions for local authorities including school non-attendance cases, both in the Magistrates' Court and on appeal to the Crown Court.

#### Motoring/Road Traffic

Lewis is regularly instructed in motoring matters and successfully advanced arguments relating to Special Measure and Exceptional Hardship.

#### Published Articles

Extended Determinate Sentences: A Review of the Practical Issues

(<https://www.sentencingacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Extended-Determinate-Sentences-A-Review-of-the-Practical-Issues.pdf>)

### Notable Cases

## **R -v- UA (Preston Crown Court) - Prosecuting**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

Defendant deliberately drove at police officers whilst in a transit van. The issue in the case was identification, with the Defendant calling an alibi witness. The Defendant was unanimously convicted of Dangerous Driving, Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and Assault of an Emergency Worker.

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## **R -v- NY & Others (Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court) - Defending**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

Multi-handed money laundering trial lasting three weeks, with the total amount defrauded over £450,000. NY was sentenced to a Suspended Sentence Order following the trial.

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## **R -v- DH (Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court) - Defending**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

Inciting a child (Decoy) under 13 to engage in penetrative sexual activity, including the Defendant sending and requesting explicit photographs. The Starting Point was 6 years' imprisonment. Despite pleas at the PTPH and following mitigation, including reference to a psychological report, DH received a Suspended Sentence Order.

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## **R -v- AK & Another (Carlisle Crown Court) - Defending**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

Defendant entered Guilty pleas following PTPH to Possession with Intent to Supply Cannabis. Despite being breach of a Suspended Sentence Order for the same offence, the Defendant received a sentence of time served for the breach of Suspended Sentence and a new Suspended Sentence for the index offence.

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## **R -v- AK & MS (Preston Crown Court)- Prosecuting**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

Both Defendants entered Guilty pleas relating to four armed robberies involving knives at convenience stores.

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## **R -v- BB- (Carlisle Crown Court)- Defending**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

Defendant is charged with inciting a family member between the ages of 7-12 to engage in sexual activity.

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## **R -v- CJ (Preston Crown Court) -Defending**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

Defendant charged with Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and Damaging Property. Following representations, the Crown offered no evidence on both counts.

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## **R -v- ES (Blackburn Magistrates' Court) - Defending**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

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### **R -v- MD (Preston Crown Court)- Defending**

#### **Practice Area: Crime**

Instructed on a case of armed robbery where MD had threatened a woman a knifepoint.

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### **R -v- CH (Preston Youth Court)- Defending**

#### **Practice Area: Crime**

Instructed on a case of armed robbery where CH and others had threatened a boy with weapons.

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### **R -v- CR**

#### **Practice Area: Crime**

Defendant was a "3rd strike burglar". Application for Goodyear Indication made, with the Court persuaded to not impose the mandatory minimum term. Instead, a term of 16 months' imprisonment was imposed.

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### **R -v- M & Others**

#### **Practice Area: Crime**

10 Defendants sentenced before the Recorder of Manchester.

All Defendants worked for a company who subcontracted to Aer Lingus and all Defendants were initially charged with Conspiracy to Steal.

All Defendants pleaded Guilty to Theft of various items such as cigarettes, alcohol, food and drink from the aeroplane gally.

All Defendants received Community Orders with Unpaid work.

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### **R -v- M**

#### **Practice Area: Crime**

Defendant convicted after trial of four sexual assaults in a hospital setting. 12 months' Community Order imposed.

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### **R -v- H**

#### **Practice Area: Crime**

Defendant had breached Notification Requirements and was therefore in breach of a Suspended Sentence Order for Possession of Indecent Images of Children. Court imposed a financial penalty for both the Notification Requirements offence and Breach of Suspended Sentence Order.

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### **R -v- G**

#### **Practice Area: Crime**

Exceptional Hardship argument allowed. No disqualification.

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### **R -v- B**

#### **Practice Area: Crime**

Sentence for PWITS Cannabis where the Defendant had previous convictions for supplying Cannabis, Amphetamine,

Cocaine and MDMA.

15 Months' Suspended Sentence imposed.

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## **R -v- T**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

Appeal against Conviction for Exposure. The Crown alleged that Mr T had exposed himself to two teenage girls. Mr T provided few instructions and did not attend his appeal.

Appeal allowed on both charges following cross-examination of the Complainants and Notification Requirements were removed.

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## **R -v- M**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

Special Reasons for No Insurance (misled). Special Reasons were allowed, resulting in no endorsement to his licence and an absolute discharge. Any further points would have led to revocation of the Defendant's licence as he was a new driver.

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## **R -v- S & Another**

### **Practice Area: Crime**

Sentence hearing for 15-year-old Youth charged with s.18 Wounding x 2 with use of machetes, on separate days. Heard at the Crown Court as a Grave Crime. Starting point for an adult of 10 years' custody.

Following written and oral submissions, no finding of dangerousness and 29 months' detention in Young Offenders Institute.

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## **Stoke-on-Trent City Council -v- H**

### **Practice Area: Licencing**

Taxi Licencing Appeal, acting for the Respondent Council.

Appeal dismissed and Costs awarded.

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