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"An astute and tenacious advocate."

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Guy Draper has extensive trial and advisory experience in a range of areas, including crime, employment, transport, property, personal injury and contractual disputes.

Instructing solicitors and lay clients alike have commented on Guy's knowledge of the law, his swift identification of the issues in cases, his easy manner and ability to connect with clients. Guy has particular strength in dealing with young or vulnerable defendants and witnesses, having acted in a number of cases involving the cross-examination of young children, and in cases with mentally-disordered defendants. Guy has been described as an astute and tenacious advocate.

Criminal

Guy has a purely defence practice. His instructions for criminal trials include cases of soliciting to murder, historic child sex offences including rape and buggery, causing death by dangerous driving, causing grievous bodily harm with intent, armed and domestic robbery, firearms offences, aggravated burglary, large-scale fraud, child cruelty, money laundering, arson, drug trafficking and production, and stalking/harassment with violence, as well as immigration, data protection, trading standards, public order, and driving offences.

He is also frequently instructed to act for the defence in confiscation proceedings.

Selected Cases

R v PD (Southampton Crown Court) Successful defence of man charged with 14 counts of rape and sexual assault of

two 8-year-old boys.

R v MB (Wood Green Crown Court) Successful defence of a man charged with possession of firearms and ammunition with intent to endanger life.

R v AA (Worcester Crown Court) Successful defence of a man charged with a serious and violent domestic robbery that involved children being threatened with an axe, and injury being inflicted on their parents.

R v KC (Wolverhampton Crown Court) Represented at trial a woman charged with soliciting to murder her ex-husband.

R v JG (Aylesbury Crown Court) Successful defence of a woman charged with a violent domestic robbery, where the events had been filmed on a mobile phone. The defence submitted claim of right.

R v SS (Wolverhampton Crown Court) Successful defence of a lady charged with causing grievous bodily harm by smashing a bottle over her partner's head, where the issue was self-defence.

R v PN (Southampton Crown Court) Successful defence of a young man charged with harassment with violence, where it was alleged that he had pointed a gun at a rival family member's head, tried to ram his car off the road at speed, and made other threats.

R v DC (St Albans Crown Court) Successful appeal against conviction for sexual assaults.

R v BB (Youth Court) Successfully defended a 16-year-old boy charged with the sexual assault of a nine-year-old family friend.

R v MC (Magistrates' Court) Defendant acquitted of beating his 4-year-old daughter when she had explained clearly to teachers at nursery school that her black eye was caused by her father hitting her.

Property Law

Guy represents and advises both claimants and respondents in disputes between leaseholders and freeholders of properties. He regularly appears in leasehold and service charge disputes, and in claims for forfeiture and possession.

Commercial

Guy also has extensive experience in civil matters. He has acted for the claimant in a multi-track claim against the Metropolitan Police for wrongful arrest, and regularly appears in the county courts and High Court for civil matters that involve a criminal element, such as acting for the claimant in his ongoing claim against a major investment bank for damages for the wrongful restraint of his assets, or for the claimant seeking enforcement of a charge on the respondent's homes.

Regulatory & Disciplinary

Drawing on his experience in criminal law, in particular in fraud and confiscation, Guy accepts instructions in regulatory and disciplinary cases. He is a new member to the team, and is focussing on developing a dynamic practice that combines the criminal and regulatory spheres. Guy is able to present cases on behalf of the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Selected Cases

R v SK (Wood Green Crown Court) Crown accepted an offer of £2588 in satisfaction of confiscation proceedings where the benefit figure was over £5million.

Transport Law

Guy has a busy motoring law practice covering all aspects of road traffic law. He is principally instructed to argue for special reasons not to endorse the defendant's licence, and exceptional hardship to prevent a defendant being disqualified. He represents Defendants at both the Magistrates & Crown Court on all aspects of motoring law, and is qualified to take cases on a direct-access basis. Guy has also succeeded in appeals against the revocation of taxi licences.

Personal Injury

Guy regularly acts on behalf of both claimants and respondents in personal injury claims, with particular experience in road-traffic disputes involving allegations of fraud. He regularly advises respondents with respect to low-velocity

impact defences and 'crash for cash' liability disputes.

Direct Access

Guy is licensed to receive direct public access work.

Qualifications

- BA (Hons) Philosophy, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge University

Professional associations

- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers