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Charlie Myatt prosecutes and defends in all areas of criminal law at a senior level. His principal area of expertise is in prosecuting and defending in the full range of sexual offences both as leading Counsel and junior Counsel to Silk with a particular focus on historic child sexual abuse cases.

Charlie is regularly instructed in murder cases both prosecuting and defending in his own right and as junior Counsel to Silk.

In addition, Charlie has a wide experience of prosecuting and defending in high value drugs conspiracy cases and is also instructed to prosecute complex frauds for the CPS.

In 2018 Charlie took an extended sabbatical from Drystone and the Bar to spend more time with his elderly parents and join their family ice cream business as Sales & Marketing Director alongside his two brothers. He returned to Drystone in April 2022 suitably refreshed and reinvigorated after his four years away.

Expertise

Murder & Manslaughter

As an experienced criminal barrister, Charlie Myatt routinely appears in cases involving manslaughter and murder. He is instructed as both leading junior and junior to a Silk.

He is adept at distilling and simplifying complex evidence to aid a jury's understanding of a case, and to secure favourable outcomes for his clients.

As a strong client communicator and advocate, he is a popular choice of counsel in these highly sensitive cases.

Notable Murder & Manslaughter cases

[R v Austin \[2025\] Huntingdon Law Courts](#)

Instructed as Leading Counsel to prosecute a man accused of murdering his former flatmate. Following an argument the defendant knocked the victim to the floor repeatedly assaulting him to the head before strangling him with his hands. The defence challenged causation and intent, and sought to rely upon self-defence and loss of control (the latter not left to the jury by the Judge after legal argument). After 12 hours of deliberations, the jury unanimously convicted the defendant of murder.

R v Neale [2025] Peterborough Crown Court

Instructed as sole Counsel in successful prosecution for murder concerning an assault in prison over an £80 "spice" debt. Finely balanced issue of intent when assault involved only punches. Importance of a keenly focused bad character application crucial to the case. After almost 13 hours of deliberations the jury returned a 10:2 majority verdict of guilty of murder.

R v Stokes & Marshall [2024] Cambridge Crown Court

Leading Counsel in successful prosecution of both defendants for murder: fatal stabbing in the street over a drugs' debt. Case involved extensive CCTV footage and relied heavily upon drawing together various strands of circumstantial evidence.

R v Bell & Others [2023] Central Criminal Court

Led by Karim Khalil KC in a successful 6-handed conspiracy to murder/commit GBH in a three month trial at the Central Criminal Court. Case involved sensitive issues as centred around South London gang rivalry including Chris Kaba being involved in the conspiracy shortly before his death.

R v Kelly-Bridle [2022] Norwich Crown Court

Led by Karim Khalil KC in successful prosecution of defendant for murder and arson in which the defendant strangled his sister-in-law in her home and set fire to the house in an attempt to cover his tracks.

R v. Dennehy & Stretch [2014] [A case of significance]

Led by Karim Khalil QC, defending Gary Stretch, the accomplice to Joanna Dennehy, at trial for two attempted murders; Dennehy having previously pleaded guilty to three murders. Defence of duress of murderer's accomplice who buried the bodies of her victims; involved psychiatric conclusion that the murderer was a psychopath.

Sexual Offences

Majority of practice involves prosecuting and defending in all levels of seriousness of sexual offences involving both adults and children. RASSO panel member. Regularly complimented on ability to engage with young or reluctant witnesses and gain their trust in achieving their best evidence.

Notable Sexual Offences cases

R v AL [2024] Norwich Crown Court

Defending male with learning difficulties who required an intermediary for the whole trial process. Accused of a campaign of rapes against a 6 year-old girl within a domestic setting. In spite of not giving evidence, D was acquitted of all multiple offending counts he faced, drastically reducing the ultimate sentence received.

R v SB [2024] Cambridge Crown Court

Defending male accused of rapes of a 6 year-old child, taking indecent images of her, intercourse with an animal, and four counts of child cruelty. Negotiating favourable pleas and securing acquittal on multiple offending rape count.

R v Tariq [2023] Cambridge Crown Court

Successful prosecution of defendant accused of kidnapping a 13 year-old girl off the streets of Peterborough and sexually assaulting her in the back of his car. Sentenced to 11 years 9 months' imprisonment.

R v Wakefield [2023] Basildon Crown Court

Prosecuting defendant convicted of serious sexual offences against two young girls, one being autistic, whom he had separately groomed through family connections. An initial total sentence of 13 years' custody was successfully referred to the Court of Appeal and 18.5 years' substituted.

R v Hockley [2023] Norwich Crown Court

Prosecuted defendant at trial who was convicted of arranging child prostitution in the Philippines and distributing the images thus procured. Sentenced to 12 years' 3 months' imprisonment.

R v Jay [2022] Cambridge Crown Court

Prosecution of male defendant at trial for befriending and repeatedly sexually abusing his landlady's young teenage son. Total sentence of 16 years' custody imposed

Gangs & Organised Crime Groups

Prosecuted and defended in a number of Class A drug conspiracies involving organised crime groups across the country.

Prosecuted in multi-handed conspiracy to run brothels as leading Junior.

Notable Gangs & Organised Crime Groups cases

R v Hasani & Others [2023]

Led Giles Fleming in a successful prosecution of an organised crime figure and his associates, who laundered hundreds of thousands of pounds of suspected drugs money. Convictions were secured against 6 out of the 7 defendants in this complex multi-handed case, including the leading figure. The trial lasted 5 weeks at Cambridge Crown Court.

Driving Fatalities/Causing Serious Injury

Notable Driving Fatalities/Causing Serious Injury cases

R v Nowak (2022)

Successful prosecution of defendant for causing death by dangerous driving. The defendant drove at excessive speeds whilst filming himself on his mobile phone.

Positions Held

- CPS Specialist RASSO Panel
- Grade 4 CPS Prosecutor

Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Cambridge & Peterborough Bar Mess

Qualifications

- BA (Hons) Dunelm – Classics
- Dip Law – PCL