Joe Boyd Call to Bar: 1993



Joe came to the Bar in 1993 having originally been a Branch Crown Prosecutor and national Head of Strategy with the CPS. He has also been a lecturer at Chester Law College.

He has a large criminal practice that incorporates all areas of criminal law including fraud, murder, manslaughter, drugs, violence and sex cases. Joe is also regularly instructed in regulatory cases involving the Police.

Joe has experience tackling a wide-range of intriguing and serious cases. He has been involved in a number of complex, high- profile trials, both defending and prosecuting.

He continues to present seminars and lecture on regulatory and criminal topics to a wide variety of professional audiences..

Notable cases

Successfully defending a 90-year old who had slashed his neighbour's throat with a carving knife.

R v Pitt and Others – "Pitt-Bull" case – gang-related Murder and Drugs Conspiracies

RSPCA-instigated investigation into poisoning raptors in North Yorkshire grouse moors

R v Ward – Defendant extradited from Ireland to face inciting death by dangerous driving by employee in Manchester

Prosecuting in the "baby-swapping" case where the parents of twins were alleged to have swapped their twins before one of them died.

Prosecuting a matriarch in Blackburn who arranged for her nieces to be brought from Pakistan to go through arranged marriages with her sons and then enslaved in her household.

R v Adetoro and Others – Rochdale "drive-by" shootings

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Practice areas:

Business Crime & Financial Regulation Criminal Law Professional Discipline Regulatory

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- R v Bibi "Enslavement" of daughters-in-law tricked to travel to England from Pakistan for arranged marriages
- R v Gregory Baby-battering in Burnley
- R v Richards Alleged protection racket targeting commercial premises in Salford

Firearms/Armed Robbery

- R v Pequici Albanian defendant with hidden cache of revolvers in Wigan
- R v Burton Armed robbery in Nantwich
- R v Barton Conspiracy to commit armed robbery in Blackburn
- R v Newell Armed robbery in Warrington R v Vanden Series of armed robberies in the North West
- R v Phythian GBH, aggravated burglary and armed robbery in North Wales and Queensferry
- R v Ratcliffe Armed robbery in Salford

<u>Fraud</u>

- R v Chadwick and Others Operation Pickawick "diversion" Fraud
- R v Brooks & Others Five-month "smuggling" Fraud
- R v Burns & Others Two-month "high-yield investment Fraud
- R v Fernihough Large-scale VAT fraud at Winchester Crown Court
- R v Ellison Fraud by health centre practice manager in Rochdale

Sexual Offences

Rochdale child abuse case in Liverpool

- R v Arthur Thompson Multiple historical sex-abuse
- R v Dineley 30 year-old rape of sister
- R v Kane Rape recorded on victim's mobile phone

R v Close – Serious sexual assaults on step-daughter while in Majorca

Prosecuting a long-running case in Preston where a gang of East Europeans were responsible for snatching a young girl off the street in Slovakia, trafficking her into England where she was raped and imprisoned before being sold to an illegal immigrant and made to go through a "sham marriage" in Burnley

R v Baig and Ditta – sexual assault and false imprisonment by mature defendants preying on teenage girls in Stockport.



