

# Matthew Crowe

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**Legal 500**

## EXPERTISE

### Business & Property Litigation

"Matthew is intelligent, responsive and very easy to work with" - Commercial Litigation Leading Junior, Legal 500 2024

Matthew specialises in business and property work. He has a client base across the country and covers all aspects of Business and Property work including, commercial litigation, chancery, real property, trusts, landlord and tenant matters and others.

Matthew sits as a Deputy District Judge (civil) (authorised for Business & Property work).

For many years, Matthew has been appointed to the Attorney General's Civil Panel of Junior Counsel. He is currently on the "B" Panel and accepts instructions in areas such as director's disqualification, contentious probate, commercial litigation and others.

Before joining Chambers, Matthew worked as a Fox Scholar in a leading commercial litigation firm in Toronto, Canada named Lenczner Slaght LLP.

Matthew has been awarded the prestigious Queen Mother's Scholarship, Pegasus Scholarship and Harold G Fox Scholarship.

### Inquests

"A brilliant barrister" - Inquests and Inquiries Leading Junior, Legal 500 2024

Matthew is frequently instructed in high profile inquests, including deaths in custody and unlawful killings. Matthew represented the Ministry of Justice in the Peter Sutcliffe inquest (aka the "Yorkshire Ripper"). Matthew's experience of inquests spans many years, including being on the legal team representing the Toronto Chief of Police in an inquest into the police shooting of three persons in a mental health crisis. He particularly accepts instructions from public bodies including, government bodies, healthcare bodies and local authorities.

### Civil Liberties & Human Rights

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## Expertise

Business & Commercial Litigation

Property

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Inquests

Inheritance, Probate & Trusts

Regulatory

Administrative & Public Law

Insolvency & Restructuring

International & Offshore

Licensing

Costs

Matthew has significant experience in human rights litigation and advisory work for businesses, states, claimants and defendants. He has particular experience of defending public bodies against human rights claims.

Internationally, Matthew has worked on cases involving matters in Bangladesh, Cuba, Libya, Ukraine and Uganda and others.

Matthew also co-authored two book chapters that were published in authoritative texts by Oxford University Press and Palgrave Macmillan. He also conducted a press conference in Kyiv, Ukraine concerning the ICC's investigation into international crimes committed during the Euromaidan revolution.

Matthew has also worked as a lawyer in Ukraine, Uganda, the Netherlands and others.

## APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Deputy District Judge (2022), Authorised to sit in the Business & Property Courts (2024)
- Attorney General's Regional B Panel of Counsel (2023)
- North Eastern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- External Member, Northumbria Centre for Evidence and Criminal Justice Studies

## PUBLICATIONS

W. Jordash QC and M. R. Crowe, 'Evidentiary Challenges for the Defence: Domestic and International Prosecutions of International Crimes', in E. van Sliedregt and S. Vasiliev, *Pluralism in International Criminal Law* (OUP, 2014).

W. Jordash QC and M. R. Crowe, 'Comparing Fairness and Due Process at the SCSL with the ad-hoc Tribunals: The Consequences for Transitional Justice', in K. Ainley, R. Friedman and C. Mahony (eds) *Evaluating Transitional Justice: Accountability and Peacebuilding in Post-Conflict Sierra Leone* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).

Environmental Law Review Update, Sage Publications. This is a quarterly publication written by members of Trinity Chambers and Newcastle University. It addresses the changes in environmental law over the preceding quarter with accompanying commentary.

'The International Criminal Court and Maidan', UCMC November 2015 (and others).

Other miscellaneous publications.

## AWARDS

- The Pegasus Scholarship
- Harold G. Fox Scholarship
- The Queen Mother's Scholarship
- The Middle Temple Certificate of Honour
- Miscellaneous University Awards and Prizes

## EDUCATION

## Clerking team



**Steve Walker**  
Lead Civil Clerk  
0191 245 9589



**Josh Stewart-Tilling**  
Lead Employment Clerk  
& Civil Clerk  
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**Aimee Bloxham**  
Civil Clerk  
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**Paul McNab**  
Civil & Criminal Silks'  
Clerk  
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**Chris Gibbin**  
Clerk  
01642 247 569

- Academic Visitor (2013-14), University of Toronto
- M Law (BPTC), Northumbria

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Matthew is qualified to accept instructions direct from businesses and individuals, ask a member of the clerking team if you have a direct access enquiry.

Until recently, Matthew was a Consultant for Global Rights Compliance LLP, which is an advisory firm specialising in international human rights, humanitarian and criminal law and business and human rights. Its work includes advising the Council of Europe, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and foreign states.

Matthew lectures at local universities and judges a number of moots including the international FDI Moot, the international Jessup Moot and others.



## What Others Say

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**Civil Liberties & Human Rights, Chambers & Partners 2024**

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**Commercial Litigation, Legal 500 2024**

"He is always well briefed, professional and great with clients"  
**Civil Liberties & Human Rights, Chambers UK 2023**

"Matthew is very knowledgeable: a brilliantly clever barrister who takes hold of a case, and quickly sees the issues and the way forward. Ranked: Tier 2"  
**Inquests and Inquiries, Legal 500 2023**

"He can always find an innovative approach to a legal problem. Ranked: Tier 1"  
**Administrative and Public, Legal 500 2023**

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**Inquests, Legal 500 2022**