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SPECIALISMS

Business and Property Litigation

- Business Litigation
- Property Litigation
- Chancery
- Personal Injury
- Criminal
- International

Matthew is a Barrister at Trinity Chambers and practices in both domestic and international law.

Matthew specialises in advising and representing clients in commercial matters, bringing robust criminal Crown Court advocacy experience where needed. Matthew's practice is focusing rapidly on matters where commercial law overlaps with criminal matters.

Examples of Matthew's recent trial and advisory experience includes subjects such as:

- Company Directors disqualification
- the repayment of sums from the seller of a catering trailer following seizure of the trailer by Police in Ireland;
- unpaid sums for the design and installation of a leisure pool;
- a malicious falsehood claim;
- the interference of an individual's right of way over land;
- the legitimacy of a right of pre-emption and ways to avoid its enforcement;
- a nightclub owner and the unlawful forfeiture of a lease;
- a claim against a well-known bank for the failure to obtain a proper market price for a large hotel in Scotland;
- a housing company's failure to ensure the safety of a gas fire;
- the fitness for purpose of forklift trucks;
- an estate agent's unpaid commission;
- the interest remaining in a property owned by a now-insolvent business.

Before joining Trinity Chambers, Matthew worked for a leading commercial litigation firm in Canada named Lenczner Slaght LLP. He worked on an array of cases from the high profile (such as a three-month inquest into the police shooting of three mentally-ill people) to disputes with international elements (such as defamation by Canadian businessmen against a newspaper in India).

Matthew has been appointed to the Attorney General's Regional C Panel of Counsel and can accept instructions from the Government Legal Department (formerly Treasury Solicitor).

Crime

Matthew has an in-demand defence practice. Matthew receives repeat instructions for difficult cases such as fraud, violence and other serious offences. Matthew has appeared in Courts across the country and has defended cases prosecuted by Queens Counsel and Senior Juniors. Matthew has also appeared for the Home Office and other government bodies.

Examples of Matthew's cases include:

R v L Duffield 2016. Teesside Crown Court. Month-long trial for conspiracy to supply

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R v Farish. Newcastle Crown Court. Carlisle Crown Court. Month-long fraud trial.

R v Gill. Brighton Crown Court. Month-long violent disorder trial. This case involved members of the English Defence League.

R v Marsay and Marsay. Teesside Crown Court. £1,000,000 tax evasion.

R v Stamp and others. Liverpool Crown Court. Conspiracy to commit violent disorder.

International

Throughout his professional career, Matthew has been involved in international criminal, human rights and humanitarian law. He has worked on cases involving Libya and the International Criminal Court, a case concerning Cuba and international human rights and advisory work on war crimes in Bangladesh.

While at Chambers, Matthew has developed his international practice, such as acting as a legal consultant on the appeal and re-trial team of Jovica Stanišić at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Matthew was also engaged by international firm Global Rights Compliance (GRC) to advise United Nation entities about laws passed by a government. Matthew was engaged by GRC as part of the International Criminal Court and international humanitarian law reform project in Ukraine funded by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. As part of this, he appeared across the Ukrainian press on matters to do with the ICC and the Ukrainian revolution.

Recently, Matthew was led by Toby Hedworth Q.C. in the matter of Spain v Crozier at Westminster Magistrates' Court. The team opposed a European Arrest Warrant successfully on legal grounds.

Matthew co-authored two book chapters that were published in authoritative texts by Oxford University Press and Palgrave Macmillan. He is a fellow of the Center for International Legal Studies and a member of the British International Studies Association.

APPOINTMENTS

Attorney General's Regional C Panel of Counsel (2018)

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.



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AWARDS

Harold G. Fox Scholarship;
The Queen Mother's Scholarship;
The Middle Temple Certificate of Honour;
The Linda Sykes Memorial Prize;
The New Park Court Chambers Prize;
Dickinson Dees Honour Roll;
Ben Hoare Bell Contribution Roll.

EDUCATION & MEMBERSHIPS

Academic Visitor (2013-14), University of Toronto;
Fellow, Center for International Legal Studies;
Associate Member, BISA;
External Member, Northumbria Centre for Evidence and Criminal Justice Studies;
M Law (BPTC), Northumbria;
The FDI Moot in Boston, USA;
FDI Clifford Chance Moot in Warsaw, Poland;
The K.K. Luthra Memorial Moot Competition in Delhi, India.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.

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.