

Christopher McKee

Barrister

Overview

Christopher joined Chambers in October 2014 upon successful completion of pupillage. He has developed a busy common law practice and accepts instructions in all of Chambers' practice areas.

Before coming to the Bar, Christopher assisted various pro bono initiatives (Law Centre NI, Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ), NSPCC Young Witness Service and Victim Support NI). Working with The PILS (Public Interest Litigation Support) Project he authored a policy paper entitled "Pro Bono Costs Orders in Northern Ireland: A Vision for the Future" a document currently being considered by the Stormont Assembly.

Scholarships, Awards and Prizes:

- Louise Godfrey QC Memorial Moot (Finalist)
- Certificate of Honour (Middle Temple)
- Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize (Middle Temple)
- Dean's Scholarship (Northumbria University)
- Mere St Jean Cup
- Pere Galihac Cup

Crime

Christopher prosecutes and defends in the Youth Court, Magistrates' Court and Crown Court. His expertise covers a spectrum of criminal offences including fraud, violent crime and sexual offences. Christopher also acts on behalf of local authorities, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), the Security Industry Authority (SIA), Trading Standards (TS) and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA). He has appeared successfully in the Court of Appeal.

Civil

Christopher accepts instructions in a broad range of civil matters. He has a particular interest in commercial disputes, insolvency and chancery law. He appears regularly in the County Court and High Court. Christopher is particularly keen to develop his paper-based practice.



Year Of Call:

2012

Grade of Prosecutor:

Practice Areas

[Company and Commercial](#)

[Credit Hire](#)

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Landlord and Tenant

Christopher represents landlords and tenants in litigation arising out of leases, licences and tenancy agreements. Christopher has experience in dealing with social housing issues, possession claims, anti-social behaviour allegations and applications for injunctive relief.

Family

Christopher appears regularly in the Family Proceedings Court (FPC) and County Court in both public and private law matters. He also represents applicants and respondents at all stages of financial remedy proceedings.

Notable Cases

Crime

R v McMeekin (CA):

Appeal sentence; sentence reduced by 16 months

R v Lowery:

Witness intimidation; affray; possession of offensive weapons

R v Davey:

Female youth charged with sexual offences against a child under the age of 13, namely 5

R v Williamson:

Assault of a child aged 3 by parent; expert evidence given by two consultant paediatricians

R v Payne:

Sexual assault

R v Thompson-Raw:

Causing or inciting a child under the age of 13 to engage in sexual activity

Civil

Lewis v Kohler:

Acting for a defendant in a commercial claim valued in excess of £1.5m

Appointments:

CPS Advocate Panel Level 2

Professional Qualifications

Bar Professional
Training Course (BPTC)

University of Northumbria
(Outstanding)

LLB (Hons)

University of Newcastle upon
Tyne (Upper Second Class)

Rathmore Grammar School

Memberships

The Honourable Society of
the Middle Temple

North Eastern Circuit

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PTC Sports Franchising Ltd v Falcon Sportz Limited (High Court):

Applicant seeking injunctive relief

Family

Hillingdon London Borough Council v Campbell:

Two-week final hearing in the Central Family Court; six subject children