

CHARLES DRINNAN

Year of Call: 2016

### Court of Appeal

Appeal of A against sentence – Charles renewed an application to the full Court for leave to appeal sentence after it was refused by the Single Judge. The Court granted leave and agreed with Charles's submissions that the sentence was manifestly excessive. The sentence was reduced by half to 15 months' custody.

### Crown Court

R v F (Wood Green Crown Court) – Successful prosecution of a S18 GBH. The Defendant pleaded guilty after the Complainant had given his evidence.

R v R (Woolwich Crown Court) – Acquittals secured on all counts relating to being concerned in the supply of Class A and B drugs.

R v W (Luton Crown Court) – Secured acquittal in an ABH. The Defendant had allegedly bitten a piece out of the Complainant's face.

R v K (Woolwich Crown Court) – Secured acquittal in a weapons matter on the basis of reasonable excuse.

R v H (Aylesbury Crown Court) – Represented a Defendant in a 4-day armed robbery.

R v S (Snaresbrook Crown Court) – Successful resistance of Res Gestae leading to the Crown offering no evidence.

R v M (Inner London Crown Court) – Crown offered no evidence at appeal despite Defendant failing to attend after medical evidence was obtained on Charles' advice.

R v A (Isleworth Crown Court) – Represented a Defendant in a 4-day burglary trial. Sentence reduced by 50% on appeal to the Court of Appeal  
<http://courtnewsuk.co.uk/contractor-nicked-diamond-ring-at-premier-inn/>

R v M (Central Criminal Court) – Prosecution of a sentence which received press coverage <https://courtnewsuk.co.uk/tragedy-see-crooked-finance-manager-boss-says-judge/>

R v D (Isleworth Crown Court) – Successful appeal for post-conviction refusal of bail.

### Driving Offences

R v B (Croydon Crown Court) – Successful appeal regarding the use of a mobile phone while driving - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-49183231>

R v C (Aylesbury Crown Court) – Successful appeal, persuading the Court to find exceptional hardship in a driving matter.

R v F (Bromley Magistrates' Court) – Charles persuaded the bench to impose a 56-day ban for an offence of speeding. The client was 54 mph over the speed limit.

R v N (Ealing Magistrates' Court) – Acquittal in a failing to provide information under S172 Road Traffic Act 1988.

R v D (Bromley Magistrates' Court) – Successful Newton in a speeding matter. Persuaded the Court the client was going 93mph in a 70-zone as opposed to a 50-zone.

## **Regulatory**

BACP v C – Charles conducted the first case for the BACP under its new procedure.

NMC v M – Charles successfully presented a case for the NMC in Edinburgh concerning medicine mismanagement.

Isle of Wight Council v K (Blackfriars Crown Court) – Charles successfully resisted an appeal against an enforcement notice served by the Council over numerous dangerous fire safety issues in four properties on the Isle. Charles succeeded on all three issues and secured the Council almost £15,000 in costs. During this case, Charles successfully resisted an application for a preliminary reference to the Court of Justice of the European Union.

London Borough of Barking & Dagenham v H & P – Charles represented two Defendants charged with numerous offences under the Licencing Act 2003 and the various tobacco and related products regulations. The charges were significantly reduced after negotiations with the Prosecutor.

London Borough of Redbridge v A – Charles represented a Defendant charged with tobacco and related products regulations. After submissions the financial penalties were substantially lower than expected.

Met Police v B (Ealing Magistrates' Court) – Charles successfully represented a club in an emergency closure order application. The club remained open allowing the employees to retain their jobs.

HMIC – Charles was instructed by the Government Legal Department to assist with a matter relating to Her Majesties Inspectorate of Constabulary.