

## Andy Evans

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Andy has practiced exclusively in crime for fifteen years, prosecuting and defending at every level up to the Court of Appeal. He is a CPS Level Three prosecutor.

### **Criminal Practice**

Andy has been briefed on matters indicting:

- -Attempted Murder
- -Multi-handed and multi-complainant s18
- -Serious Injury by Dangerous Driving
- -Firearms, including construction of firearms and use of firearms in the course of a robbery
- -Child Abduction and Kidnap, including Kidnap incorporating s18
- -Aggravated Burglary, including multi-handed offending involving the assault of homeowners with offensive weapons
- -Conspiracy to Rob Commercial Premises
- -Conspiracies to Supply and Import Class A drugs, also Conspiracy to Convey Drugs into Prison
- -Arson, including Arson with Intent to Kill
- -Computer Offences, including hacking offences and the downloading of indecent images
- **Complex Proceeds of Crime Applications**

Andy Evans has developed a sound reputation in the North West as counsel to both apply for and respond to complex POCA Confiscation Orders.

Instructed variously by CPS, Police, Border Force, NCA and Respondents both corporate and individual in matters involving Forfeiture before the Magistrates Court, Condemnation before the Tax Tribunal, early Restraint proceedings and Confiscation through all tiers to the Court of Appeal, specialising in re-visits pursuant to section 22 and 23 and in making applications on behalf of third parties intervening in proceedings under s10A.

He accepts briefs post-conviction to appear at Confiscation hearings following sentence and subsequent transfer of legal aid.

Andy delivers Professional Development seminars to CPS, Environment Agency, Defence Solicitors and Investigators, allying up to date caselaw knowledge with strategic experience borne of over a decade specialising in Confiscation.

He can effectively lead a client through the strategic demands of the reverse evidential burden using long

standing relationships with trusted experts and experience of novel and effective evidence gathering techniques, to guide the construction of the respondent's case. Andy enters negotiations already held in high regard by Financial Investigators across the North for the clarity of his analysis and ability to successfully conclude applications.

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## **Education**

Marr College, Troon  
Clare College, Cambridge University : LLB  
Northumbria University : LLM

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## **Professional Memberships**

Criminal Bar Association  
Northern Circuit

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## **Notable Cases**

### Crime - Weapons

GW - Defending possession of a homemade blowpipe. App to Dismiss on Expert Evidence as to muzzle velocity. Secured Suspended Sentence using Psychiatric evidence.

MF - Defending Armed Robbery in the home using a firearm. Negotiated lesser pleas and a custodial sentence that led to immediate release.

RC - Prosecuting construction of homemade pistols and IEDs. Liason with Porton Down and Royal Armouries Leeds as to viability of weapons seized by Police mid-construction.

SB - Prosecuting D who attended a family party wielding a WWII era sub-machine gun. Convicted after trial. Manchester Evening News

### Crime - Violence

B, M, M & M - Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Burglary. Victim tasered and stabbed in his own bed. Apparent mistaken identity as to the gang's intended target.

D, C & O - Kidnap and s18. Revenge attack. Victim driven into countryside and beaten. Subsequent prosecution for witness intimidation. Bolton News

CM - s20. Unprovoked attack on a pensioner inside a church. Issues of drug induced psychosis.

CT - Attempted Murder. Lockdown Domestic Violence. Issues as to child witnesses.

JB - Arson Reckless. Multiple fires set by repeat arsonist, causing serious injury. Correlating cell siting and forensic evidence to show pattern of deliberate fire-setting. Manchester Evening News

KM - Prosecuting unprovoked facial stabbings of five homeless men in Manchester city centre. No victim gave evidence - jury shown CCTV footage produced from over twenty different cameras, used live in cross examination and speeches. D convicted after trial, received twenty three year sentence. ITV News BBC News

AB - Attempted Murder, Domestic. Son stabbed stepfather six times inside the home, in front of his mother. Psychiatric disposal.

M, M, A & S - Targeted axe and machete attack following a workplace dispute. Unwilling witnesses, using Ring doorbell footage and audio to secure convictions.

A, I, S and M - Knife fight during lockdown between adults and youths. Four parties stabbed. Prosecuting

both sides of the altercation in separate s18 trials.

### Crime - Drugs

NH - Defending PWITS Class A Conspiracy. Encro phones. Created our own SOE chart mid-trial to correlate the use of four Encro phones and CellSite evidence served following the Crown's opening.

C & W - Class A and Firearms recovered from shipping containers.

JR & MM - Conspiracy to smuggle Class A, Class B and phones into prison using drones. Ongoing.

A&M - 2.2kg of Class A recovered from shipping containers.

KW - Supply of Prescription Drugs leading to a death. Cumbria News and Star

### Crime - Motoring

RC - Road rage attack upon a workman conducting road works. Complainant pedestrian caused serious injury by deliberate ramming, then carried on van bonnet for half a mile. Ongoing

LH - Serious Injury by Dangerous Driving. Drink driver sped through busy taxi rank on Christmas Eve colliding with pedestrian, causing her life changing injuries. Lancashire Telegraph

### Technological cases

KG - Defending Coercive and Controlling Behaviour. Securing service of the entire 12 months of iPhone messaging and correlating with specific indicted events. Prosecution discontinued the C&C allegation as a result of messages discovered within the thousands of pages disclosure.

LH - Defending alleged computer "hacking". Expert evidence deployed and lengthy Defence Statement to show Police Cyber Crime Unit had drawn impossible conclusions from fragments of internet evidence, leading to an offer of no evidence.

UN & MH - Prosecuting. Disclosure review of iPhone material following D1's Basis of Plea led to the discovery of the true identity of the true owner of nearly a kilogram of Class A drugs. D2 was subsequently charged on the basis of the evidence recovered, and received a lengthy sentence. Daily Mail

L, H, L & J - Prosecuting workplace bullying of a neurodiverse teenager culminating in his being seriously burned by his supervisor. Presenting a single flowing narrative across three camera angles from CCTV to show the build up to the offence and the involvement of each Defendant BBC News

### Crime - Fraud

R, C, Q & A - Kidnap and Fraud. Multi-handed, multi-victim offence. "Fresher's Week" kidnapping where students were targeted by a gang in cars, befriended and then had entire bank balances drained. Ongoing.

LT - Defending fraud where D had persuaded her family she had terminal cancer in an elaborate lie. Secured Suspended Sentence. The Mirror

SA, SC, WG, JF, DU, SA, ES, VF, DA, HM, BL, IF, MM, JH & GD - Instructed to prosecute large scale online purchase fraud using fake identities, bank accounts and postal addresses to steal goods sold on Facebook Marketplace. Ongoing.

### Proceeds of Crime

MA & MA - Instructed post conviction for co-respondents. Global Benefit Figure sought is £1.7m. Ongoing.

AS - Instructed to appeal decade old Confiscation on the grounds of error in the Schedule of Assets. Ongoing.

KS - Acting for Respondent. Crown seek £1.1m as Hidden Assets following disvoery of a multi-regional Cannabis cultivation network. Ongoing.

LB - Ongoing. Respondent to s22 raises rehabilitation following release from prison and setting up

legitimate company.

