



ST. PAULS CHAMBERS

JAMES LAKE



Year of Call: 2005

Date of Birth: 28th August 1979

EDUCATION:

Inns of Court School of Law (BVC) – Very Competent
Lancaster University – 2:1 (LLB)
Repton
Caistor Grammar School, Grimsby

CAREER TO DATE:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office – Operational Officer, Whitehall Liaison
Department
Professional Tennis Player

PUPILLAGE:

Pupil to C. M. Batty. *Undertaken both a Criminal and Family Law pupillage.*

CRIMINAL PRACTICE:

- Prosecutes for CPS, DWP, Post Office, SOCA and HMCE in both the Crown and Magistrates Court.
- Defended in the Youth and Magistrates Court.
- Confiscation Hearings.
- Defended in the Crown Court with an excellent acquittal rate.
- Fitness to Plead Hearings.

REGULATORY BREACH PRACTICE:

- Prosecutes for the Law Society, FACT, West Yorkshire Trading Standards and Leeds City Council.
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Hearings.
- Inquests.
- Public Enquiries.

- Licensing.
- Cash Seizure and Forfeiture.

FAMILY PRACTICE:

- Contested Injunctions and Committals.
- Private Law – Contact, Residence.
- Public Law – Care, EPO's and Secure Accommodation Orders.

NOTABLE CASES:

- *The Law Society v Shawcross* – Led by Jeremy Barnett in the first successful prosecution in the Crown Court for somebody acting as a solicitor when not qualified to do so.
- *Operation Defluent* – Defended in a large scale conspiracy to supply Class A drugs in the Leeds area. Only defendant to be acquitted.
- *Operation Bimmetallic* – Defended in conspiracy to commit 'hanoi' style burglaries in the Leeds area.
- *Operation Field* – Defended in conspiracy to commit high value burglaries in the Leeds area.
- *R v Binns* – Led by Simon Bickler in defence of a man accused of defrauding the benefits agency of over 60,000 pounds.
- *R v Balint* – Trade Mark Description Offences.
- *R v Boylan* – Defended in the racial attack on an Angolan Family's home in Leeds which was reported nationwide.
- *R v Rhodes-Clayton* – Defended Liberal Democrat City Councillor accused of defrauding the benefits agency. After a three day trial the Councillor was acquitted.

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:

Grimsby Town Football Club
Golf