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Before joining Mountford Chambers, Charley undertook an 18 month criminal pupillage at 2 Bedford Row. He prosecutes and defends in the Magistrates', Crown and Youth courts.

Charley has been instructed in a wide variety of criminal matters, including serious violence, drug offences and sexual offences. Charley has a strong interest in youth justice and is particularly effective at gaining the trust of young people caught up in the Criminal Justice System. He also has experience in all manner of driving matters, from arguing for special reasons and exceptional hardship to drink driving trials.

Prior to pupillage, Charley undertook pro bono work representing individuals at social security tribunals with the Yorkshire Tribunal Advocacy project. He also undertook pro bono work in employment law, representing individuals at every stage of proceedings in employment tribunals through Leeds Free Legal Representation. Alongside this work, Charley gained experience in civil courts as a county court advocate.

Charley is on the Lexis Nexis '*Meet the Experts*' panel and regularly contributes pieces of writing to the legal database.

In his spare time, Charley is an avid reader and chess player. He supports Hull City.

Expertise

General Crime

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R v JC, 2025, St Albans Crown Court

Charley secured an acquittal for a defendant charged with possession with intent to supply class B following the discovery of 1.8 kilograms of cannabis, much of which was in 4.5 ounce deals, in his flat. Two individuals were present in the flat when the police raided the property and Charley successfully applied to exclude the evidence of an officer who claimed to identify the defendant as present during the raid.

R v RL, 2025, Kingston Crown Court

Charley secured a suspended sentence for RL, a London bus driver, who pleaded guilty in the Crown Court to one count of causing death by careless driving and one count of driving otherwise than in accordance with his licence. Despite the defendant having collided with a pedestrian on a zebra crossing whilst speeding and driving without the benefit of prescription eyeglasses required by his licence, Charley persuaded the court not to impose a sentence of immediate custody.

R v MH, 2024, Harrow Crown Court sitting at the Central Criminal Court

Charley secured an acquittal for a defendant charged with Possession with Intent to Supply Class B, following his arrest in possession of a large quantity of individual snap bags of cannabis and a large quantity of cash.

R v TS, 2024, Ipswich Crown Court

Charley successfully prosecuted a 5 day domestic robbery described by the resident judge of Ipswich as being 'particularly complex' and which turned in large part on various forms of recognition evidence. The defendant was subsequently sentenced to 8 years custody.

R v H, 2024, Chelmsford Crown Court

Charley secured a suspended sentence for H, who pleaded guilty to a dwelling burglary carried out alongside two youths which involved the breaking of an urn containing the ashes of the victim's child.

This case received media attention which can be found here:

<https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/24428752.burglar-broke-urn-containing-ashes-child-court-hears/>

R v JH, 2023, Croydon Crown Court

Charley secured a suspended sentence for a defendant found to have played a significant role in the possession with intent to supply of both Class A and Class B drugs.

Youth Crime

R v RS, 2025, Highbury Corner Youth Court

RS was charged with the attempted robbery of a motorcycle, during which the complainant was subjected to

violence by multiple individuals. Following protracted legal argument as to the admissibility of forensic evidence, the Crown was forced to offer no evidence on the day of trial. The particularly grave nature of this matter was reflected by the decision of the court to grant Charley a Certificate for Counsel.

R v AN, 2025, Stratford Youth Court

Following a two day trial, Charley secured the acquittal of his client, a youth, in respect of one count of s18 wounding with intent and one count of aggravated burglary with intent to cause serious injury. The defendant had armed himself with a large machete and attended the complainant's property with another. The two proceeded to destroy the complainant's mother's car and do substantial damage to the house itself by stabbing through the window of the house into the living room where the complainant was hiding with his mother.

R v RS, 2024, Uxbridge Youth Court

RS, a youth, was charged with possession of a bladed article in a public place following a review of his mobile phone revealing what appeared to be a video of him with a large knife. This took place whilst RS was subject to a Referral Order. Following arguments in court and written representations, the proceedings were discontinued.

R v PM, 2024, Bromley Youth Court

Following conviction after trial for a protracted group ABH causing multiple injuries, Charley secured a conditional discharge for PM. Charley highlighted the role played by the defendant's difficult upbringing and complex psychological profile in the offending.

R v DP, 2023, Medway Youth Court

DP was charged with a street robbery of a mobile phone. Following the entry of a not guilty plea and case management in anticipation of a trial, Charley persuaded the CPS that evidential and public interest issues with the case were of such significance that the case should be dropped. The CPS subsequently discontinued the prosecution.

Driving Crime

R v HHR (A company), 2024, Harrow Crown Court

Charley successfully represented HHR, a hire car firm, at an appeal of a conviction for failure to provide details of a driver. HHR had previously been found guilty by a District Judge in the Magistrates' Court.

R v OL, 2024, Guildford Magistrates' Court

Charley successfully argued for exceptional hardship on the basis of the impact of a disqualification on OL's business, and he was therefore not disqualified despite accumulating 12 points on his license.

R v AW, 2023, Luton Magistrates' Court

Charley successfully argued for special reasons due to issues with AW's mental health following extensive legal argument in front of a District Judge after AW pleaded guilty to driving without insurance.

R v MD, 2023, Guildford Magistrates' Court

Charley successfully argued for the imposition of a community order and the shortest possible disqualification for MD, who had pleaded guilty to drink driving and driving under the influence of drugs following an incident in which she caused a serious accident by flipping an SUV over a roundabout with a passenger in the vehicle.

Education

University of Leeds – Philosophy and Politics. 2:1.

University of Law – MA Law – Merit

University of Law – BPC – Very Competent

Memberships

Trustee, Believe Foundation

Publications

EU v UK: AML and CTF evolutionary change under scrutiny. Who will come out on top? – Compliance, Ethics and Sustainability 2024. Co-authored with Neil Williams of Gunner Cooke and Stan Reiz KC

Awards/Scholarships

Awards:

Middle Temple Blackstone Entrance Exhibition

Scholarships:

University of Law Lord Blunkett Scholarship

Middle Temple Diplock Scholarship