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## Liam Edwards

### Profile

Liam was called to the Bar in 2014 and has joined Chambers after successful completion of his 18-month pupillage.

Liam regularly appears in the Crown, Youth and Magistrates courts in London and on the South-Eastern and Essex Circuit. In the Crown Court, Liam has defended in a broad range of offences including serious violent offences (ABH and s.20 GBH), theft (over 100k), fraud, robbery, public order and drug offences.

Liam is a dedicated and tenacious advocate who consistently fights to get the best result for those he represents. He is regularly instructed to represent vulnerable clients with complex mental health and substances abuse issues, using his compassion and sensitivity to put such clients at ease.

Liam has been instructed on behalf of Wandsworth Council, London Probation Service and Wandsworth Youth Offending Team to prosecute in contested breach proceedings. Liam also has experience in confiscation and forfeiture proceedings.

He has successfully resisted civil orders in the Crown Court including Criminal Behaviour Orders, Sexual Harm Prevention Orders and Serious Crime Prevention Orders.

### Notable Cases

**R v Tsekiri** [2017] EWCA Crim 40- Junior alone in appeal against conviction. This appeal clarified the law on submissions of no case to answer where the sole evidence in the case is DNA deposited on a moveable object.

**R v T** [2016]- Kingston Crown Court- Junior alone in a stranger robbery.

**R v A** [2016]- Woolwich Crown Court- Junior alone in multi-handed burglary of a commercial premises. Successful submission of no case to answer made based on weak identification evidence.

**R v T** [2016]- Inner London Crown Court- Junior alone in two-handed case involving allegations of actual bodily harm where the complainant had been slashed multiple times with a knife.

**R v D** [2016]- Croydon Crown Court- Junior alone in case involving an allegation of having a bladed article- Not guilty verdict after a reasonable excuse was successfully advanced.

**R v W** [2016]- Woolwich Crown Court- Junior alone in case involving multiple allegations of breaching a Non-Molestation Order. One allegation was dismissed after a successful submission of no case to



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answer. The jury unanimously acquitted the defendant in relation to all other counts.

**R v A** [2017]- Inner London Crown Court- Junior alone in a case involving allegations of theft from a high-profile Chinese television presenter of over £100,000.

**R v N** [2017]- Southwark Crown Court- Junior alone in a case involving multiple allegations of breaching a restraining order. The prosecution was forced to offer no evidence on the first day of trial after a successful application to exclude the defendant's interview under s.78 of PACE.

**B v H** [2016]- successfully argued autrefois acquit in a private prosecution alleging statutory nuisance at Westminster Magistrates Court.

**R v RS** [2016]- Possession with Intent to Supply Class A Drugs at Wood Green Crown Court- YRO with ISS given to youth with a previous conviction for drugs supply.

**R v N** [2016]- Possession with Intent to Supply Class A Drugs at Derby Crown Court. Starting point of 4 years and 6 months mitigated down to one of 1 year and 8 months.

**R v F** [2016]- Dangerous Driving- 24-month suspended sentence given in a case where the defendant had been chased by police for two miles at 120mph on the wrong side of a dual carriage way.

**R v S** [2016] Fraud (DVLA)- Successfully argued the magistrates should have suspended a 6-month custodial sentence for a driving test fraud.

**R v T** [2016] Possession of Identity Documents with Intent- Successfully opposed an application for a Serious Crime Prevention Order.

## Education

Psychology and Criminology- BSc- First Class Honours

GDL- Commendation

BPTC- Very Competent

## Professional Memberships

Inner Temple

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit