



## James Patrick

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### **Practice:** **Crime** **Ecclesiastical Law**

#### **Crime**

All aspects of criminal law, especially violence, sexual offences, and serious fraud.

#### **Recent cases for the prosecution (2008 – 2009) include:**

*Operation Dakota*: Prosecution of 16 defendants for their part in a hammer attack on a 15 year old pupil within his school

*R v Bishop and others*: Conspiracy to defraud Hanson PLC

*R v S*: Rape of sister by brother

*R v Kollibani and others (Operation Snowman)*: Large-scale conspiracy to produce cannabis across three counties.

*R v Buist*: Manslaughter prosecution where the only evidence against the defendant was his disputed confession to injecting the deceased with heroin.

*R v Rice*: Prosecution of a private nurse for supplying diamorphine which resulted in the death of the recipient.

*R v Crabb and Junge*: Prosecution of a couple who befriended a man with learning difficulties.

*R v Grogan and others*: Conspiracy to commit an armed robbery by defendants with links with the UDA.

*R v B*: Allegation of rape where the defendant claimed sexomnia.

#### **For the defence:**

*R v Smith*: Clergyman prosecuted for theft from an elderly man his family had befriended

*R v S*: 16 year old charged with a knife sex attack

*R v Newby*: Police employee charged with corruption

#### **Ecclesiastical Law**

James is well placed to advise on the legal and practical aspects of doctrinal issues, and also in all matters relating to church discipline.

**Reported Cases:**

*In re St John the Evangelist Chopwell* [1995] Fam 254; [1995] 3 WLR 606; [1996] 1 All ER 275  
*In re St Thomas Pennywell* [1995] Fam 50; [1995] 2 WLR 154; 1995 4 All ER 167

**Education:**

City of Birmingham Polytechnic LL.B. (Hons)  
Inns of Court School of Law  
STETS DipHE

**Pupillage:**

1989 – 1990 Guildhall Chambers (Ian Glen QC)

**Appointments:**

Recorder 2004  
Legal Advisor to the Bishop of Ebbsfleet (2001- )  
CPS Grade 4 Prosecutor (April 1998)

**Directory recommendations:****Chambers and Partners 2010**

Crime

James Patrick is “*a tried and tested performer.*” He handles all aspects of criminal law.

**Chambers and Partners 2009**

Crime

James Patrick handles all areas of criminal law, with a particular focus on violent, sexual and serious fraud offences. He defended a level 5 child pornography case, and prosecuted two 16-year-old defendants in separate trials relating to their involvement in a hammer attack on a 15-year-old boy on school premises.

**Interests:**

Ordained in the C of E  
Food and wine

**Clerk:**

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