

Perren Buildings

Perren Buildings was launched in January 2007. Based in Kentish Town where clerking, conference and library facilities are located, we are a chambers of solicitor advocates with twenty members of varying degrees of seniority from newly qualified to over twenty years. We have a strong collective ethos built around our residential training programme.

In our first year we were instructed in over 500 cases of which over a dozen were VHCCs. We are now the largest organisation of VHCC Panel Advocates in the country with thirteen Panel members.

Our advocates are able to draw on a body of collective experience and knowledge, as well as support from chambers colleagues for covering unexpected hearings.

Advocates at Perren Buildings are supported by dedicated clerks led by

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Our members are individually regulated by the SRA

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PROFILE

Andrew is a partner in Bishop and Light, Solicitors, which has offices in Brighton, Hove and Eastbourne and which specialises in criminal defence and mental health work.

Bishop and Light is a VHCC panel firm and Andrew has considerable experience in supervising these cases. His work now mixes VHCC case preparation with Crown Court Advocacy. This makes him ideal for instruction on VHCC cases where he can offer practical assistance with task list preparation and overall case management.

Andrew regularly represents clients in the Crown Court both on “in house” cases and also instructions from other firms of Solicitors, including trials.

Andrew is on the Law Society Mental Health Review Tribunal Accredited panel and so is well equipped to deal with Defendants with Mental Health issues.

Andrew is proud to be a founding member of Perren Buildings which allows Solicitors firms to instruct fellow HCA’s in the confidence that there is a solid structure of training, clerking and peer assistance.

RECENT CASES (2007/8)

- Sole Advocate for 2nd Defendant in 17 handed Class A drug supply conspiracy case (CCU contracted).
- Led Junior in 6 handed Copyright conspiracy involving a massive counterfeit DVD operation (CCU contracted).
- Led Junior in five week Mortgage fraud case that resulted in the Court of Appeal overturning the conviction at first instance.
- Supervising Solicitor in recently concluded Terrorism case (CCU contracted).
- Supervising Solicitor in £250 million MTEC VAT Fraud (CCU contracted).