

# Perren Buildings

*Perren Buildings was launched in January 2007. We are based at 15 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7EF.*

*We are a chambers of solicitor advocates with over 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 currently 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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## JO COOPER

### Head of Chambers

#### Solicitor (1987), HCA (1994)

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#### PROFILE

Jo read PPE at Oxford and took an MPhil at Cambridge University before completing articles at London civil liberties firm Bindman and Partners in 1987. As a full-time trial advocate he specialised in Public Order Cases (including Poll Tax Riots, Brixton Riots, 'Stop the City', and prison disturbances) and other political and media sensitive cases. He advised in various settings including Law Centres, Defence Campaigns and support groups.

Jo has been a full-time Crown Court advocate since 1994, conducting a full range of criminal cases, and taking cases to the High Court (Judicial Review, Case Stated) and Court of Appeal. He has appeared alone in supergrass, rape and other sensitive cases and was sole advocate in the case of "C", whose rape convictions were finally quashed in 2007 after serving 7 years. Jo was first instructed as a leading junior in 2000 in conspiracy to murder, and has led counsel or other HCAs in serious cases including terrorism, complex fraud, drugs, heavy crime and war crimes cases (appointed Lead Counsel in two cases at ICTY, The Hague, since 2005).

Jo is Chair of SAHCA, the voice of solicitor advocacy in England and Wales with 1400 members. He is a former Council member of Liberty, and Chair of the Disciplinary Council of the ICTY Bar.

Jo was appointed as Recorder of the Crown Court in 2009.

#### RECENT CASES

In the course of 2008/10 Jo has been instructed in:

- terrorism offences from 21/7 (Leading Junior, Cat 1 VHCC)
- conspiracy re armed robberies (Leading Junior, Grad Fee case)
- conspiracy re Class A supply (Leading Junior, Cat 3 VHCC),
- revenue fraud (Leading Junior, Cat 3 VHCC).

