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Perren Buildings was launched in 2007. Based in Kentish Town where our 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

*Libby Montgomery
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Our members are individually regulated by the SRA

AREAS OF ADVOCACY PRACTICE

Michael obtained Higher Rights of Audience in the Criminal Courts in 2002 having qualified as a Solicitor in 1997. He has a strong track record of dealing with serious and high profile cases

He is a Specialist Trial Advocate who has undertaken advocacy in a wide range of matters in the Crown Court, from burglary, armed robbery, assault on children, high value fraud through to serious and high level drug supply, enjoying good relationships with both lay and professional clients. He has also successfully appeared as advocate in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division)

In 2007 he was part of the successful advocacy team in *R v Collins and ors* where proceedings arose out of an enormous enquiry into drug trafficking and the Prosecution case centred on allegations made by a so-called 'Supergrass'

Notable cases 2008/2009

R v Pyleav and ors - a 6 week trial in which his Client was alleged to have planned a major disturbance at Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre, resulting in over £5m of damage. (Junior alone) [Link](#)

R v Pitiyatanakul and ors - Lead Defendant in multi - handed Conspiracy to traffic woman for sexual exploitation case(Led junior) [Link](#)

R v Hewitt - Undercover sting operation by Metropolitan police paedophile unit against 27 year old male. (Junior alone) [Link](#)

R v De Oliveira and ors - Large scale Conspiracy to manufacture passports and other false documents case. (Junior Alone)

R v Chambers s.18 - where Defendant alleged to have bitten off complainants ear. (Junior alone)

R v Parks - s.18 OAPA 1861 where significant Mental Health issues (Junior alone)

R v Islam and ors - Undercover police operation involving test purchases from Class A street drug dealers (10 defendants). Said to have uncovered the most significant drug dealing operation seen in the 'East End' of London for years. (Junior alone) [Link](#)

R v Rainey and anr - Attempted robbery of two Off-Duty Police Officers. [Link](#)

R v Obafemi Martins - Well-known International Premiership footballer who faced motoring charges. [Link](#)

R v Ksenovets and others - Representing Defendant charged following seizure by customs officers of in excess of five tonnes of Cannabis resin found aboard a tugboat. Described as 'one of the biggest in British Criminal History'. 8 week trial listed Feb 2009 (Led Junior) [Link](#)

R v Matthews and others - SFO Prosecution. £2 million Investment Fraud alleged to have targeted ex-patriots. VHCC, due for trial 2009 (Junior led by QC)