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John Hobley became a member of Chambers in September 2017, having successfully completing his pupillage under the supervision of Lee Fish.

Crime

John appears for both the Prosecution and the Defence in proceedings in the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court.

In the Crown Court, John undertakes work as a CPS Grade 2 prosecutor as well as acting for defendants. His Crown Court work has covered cases including burglary, robberies, and violence. John also regularly acts for both prosecution and defence in committals for sentence and appeals, as well as dealing with breaches of probation.

In the Magistrates' Court, John has acted in cases from their genesis at first appearance, through trials, and to sentencing hearings. These cases have covered a broad range of offences, and have involved vulnerable parties, both victims and defendants.

John has also appeared in private prosecutions involving Trading Standards and on behalf of local authorities in environmental protection cases, and has experience of prosecuting on behalf of the Home Office.

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Family

John has experience of both private and public family work.

In private law cases John has appeared for both the applicant and respondent in applications for non-molestation and occupation orders, including appearances at contested final hearings. He also appears in Children Act 1989 proceedings for both applicants and respondents and has represented clients at both finding of fact and contested final hearings, these cases have frequently involved complex allegations of domestic violence and abuse of children.

In public law cases John has experience of acting for parents in care proceedings, including vulnerable clients. He has represented parents accused of physical and emotional abuse towards their children, as well as parents who are alleged to be incapable of providing the appropriate level of care for their children.

Civil

John has appeared in the County Court in matters of road traffic accidents, including both trials and Stage 3 hearings. He has been instructed for both the claimant and the defendant in these matters, and also has experience of preparing advices on quantum and liability.

John has represented clients in landlord and tenant disputes, and matters of breach of contract.

Regulatory

John has undertaken a secondment at the Care Quality Commission in the Litigation, Prosecution and Inquests team. His work included reviewing evidence collected by CQC inspectors and providing advice on potential breaches of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014. Many of these alleged breaches involved neglect, or systemic failures, in the provision of care to vulnerable adults, often having resulted in serious injury or death. Following this secondment, John continues to provide advice to the CQC on the merits of potential prosecutions.

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