

## Matt Gascoine

Matt Gascoine successfully completed his training with the firm and has now built up a solid practice in criminal law. He regularly attends the police station and the Magistrates Court and clients find his relaxed, supportive nature a real comfort at their time of need.

Matt Gascoine has a varied caseload but he particularly excels at representing clients accused of offences in a domestic setting and cases involving public disorder. He also specialises in appeal cases and has a number of recent successes challenging adverse findings in the higher courts.

### *Notable Cases*

Here is a selection of cases Matt Gascoine has recently worked on. He would be happy to discuss his range of experience with you in person if required.

- R v VV** This was a Domestic Violence matter whereby the client was charged with assault by beating against his partner at the family home. The Client was acquitted following a trial at the Magistrates' Court. In this instance the client was private-paying and so his costs were recouped from central funds following the conclusion of his trial.
- R v SM** This client was initially convicted at the Magistrates' court of harassment against his former partner and her father. Following an appeal the Crown Court it was successfully argued that the client's conduct did not amount to a course of conduct causing harassment, alarm or distress. The client's conviction, sentence and costs were quashed.
- R v MJ** This matter arose from an ongoing dispute between the client and her neighbours, resulting in the client being charged with an offence of stalking. Following successful written representations to the Crown Prosecution Service, the charge was amended to a less serious s5 Public Order Act offence. At the trial at the Magistrates' Court, an application of no case to answer was submitted and granted.
- R v AB** This client was charged having an offensive weapon in a public place, namely a meat cleaver. The client was acquitted after a trial at the Crown Court after it was successfully argued that the client had a reasonable excuse.
- R v RW** Successfully represented a client charged with possession with intent to supply Class A drugs. The client had previous convictions for similar offences and had received custodial sentences in the past. However, following extensive mitigation, it was possible to secure a suspended sentence for the client.