

James Ortiz

YEAR OF CALL 2021 (PROBATIONARY TENANT)

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James has been instructed in TFL licencing appeals and has successfully contested applications for criminal behaviour orders.

Before becoming a barrister, James worked as a criminal defence paralegal and taught criminal law at Royal Holloway, University of London.

Area of Practice

- General Crime
- Driving Offences

Notable Cases

R v H

Successful defence to attempted robbery charge. The defendant was 13 and ran withdrawal.

R v M

Acquitted of breaching a restraining order and malicious communication.

R v V

Acquitted of assault by beating.

R v N

Acquitted of harassment and fraud against his parents.

R v L

Successfully resisted the crown's application for a criminal behaviour order.

R v T

Acquitted of criminal damage.

R v C

Suspended sentence for two counts of dwelling burglary, despite a history of many similar convictions and a record of breaching orders.

R v W

Persuaded the judge to depart from the guidelines and pass a suspended sentence for two counts of possession with intent to supply class A.

Memberships

- Inner Temple Outstanding Award
- Inner Temple Exhibition Award
- Intervarsity Mooting Competition (1st Place)
- Lawyers Without Borders Debating Competition (1st Place)

Education

- University of the West of England, BPTC (Outstanding)
- University College London, LLM Jurisprudence (Distinction)
- University of Bristol, LLB (Hons)

Other Information

- Fluent French and conversation Spanish.
- Plays for a weekly six-a-side football team.
- Formerly part of the Bristol University Futsal Team.

