

Dick Lucas Not Guilty of Assault!

A student jury at Nottingham Law School acquitted a man of assault in record time recently. Dick Lucas had been accused of punching and injuring a man at an ABBA tribute concert in the city centre. Lucas maintained that the punch he delivered was a pre-emptive strike in lawful self defence and disputed the evidence of a witness who said she overheard him boasting about the punch prior to his arrest.

The jury unanimously accepted Lucas's account and found him not guilty within 5 minutes of retiring to consider their verdict! The Recorder of Nottingham, HHJ Michael Stokes QC said that Lucas left the dock "without a stain on his character"!

After the trial Lucas's defence team from Oxford University were presented with The Advocacy Cup 2016 having edged out last year's winners Cambridge University by the narrowest of margins.

Starring

<i>HHJ Stokes QC, The Recorder of Nottingham.....</i>	<i>Himself</i>
<i>Court Clerk.....</i>	<i>Shaun Smith QC of Counsel (Head 1 High Pavement)</i>
<i>Usher.....</i>	<i>Rob Manning of Counsel (1 High Pavement/NLS)</i>
<i>Wilberforce Humphries.....</i>	<i>David Outterside of Counsel (1 High Pavement ex NLS BPTC)</i>
<i>Betty Slocombe.....</i>	<i>Lisa Hardy of Counsel (1 High Pavement Chambers)</i>
<i>Cambridge.....</i>	<i>Angela Chai, Jemima Love, Sandamini Ethakada, Jay Ohja</i>
<i>Oxford.....</i>	<i>Emily Ramsden, Brogan Pastro, Hena Patel, Oliver Pateman</i>
<i>Barrister Mentor 1.....</i>	<i>Clive Stockwell of Counsel (1 High Pavement)</i>
<i>Barrister Mentor 2.....</i>	<i>Gregor Purcell of Counsel (1 High Pavement)</i>

The Advocacy Cup is an inter-varsity trial advocacy competition devised and organised by Rob Manning who is a senior lecturer on the BPTC at Nottingham Law School. Rob was called to the bar in 1992 and practised as a criminal barrister at 1 High Pavement Chambers before joining the law school. The event is held in Nottingham Law School's purpose built court and is supported by 1 High Pavement Chambers and KCH Garden Square Chambers.

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