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CALL: 1995

I practise in the areas of Criminal Defence, Prosecution and Immigration. I am on the Advocate Panel Scheme at level 3. Prior to this I completed a nine month secondment with the CPS based in Hackney and Tower Hamlets. I have found this to be a challenging work environment and it has helped me build on the skills I have developed whilst in private practice.

Before working for the CPS I practised in the West Midlands for eleven years. During that time I developed a busy Crown Court practice, built upon the fundamental need to develop strong working relationships with my clients and delivering the highest standard of advocacy and service.

I have conducted, or been led in, trials covering the full spectrum of criminal offences including murder. Criminal defence was my main area of work.

Notable Cases

R v Howard [Birmingham-2008]

Drugs Conspiracy/Money Laundering-Junior Alone

This case involved the seizure of almost 200 Kilos of heroin with a street value of over fourteen million pounds. The conspiracy spanned Turkey, London and Birmingham. The defendant was charged with drugs conspiracies and money laundering for the main defendant. The case involved disclosure and abuse of process arguments. A dismissal application in relation to the drugs charges resulted in no evidence being offered. After trial of the main defendant and further representations to the Crown the decision was taken to offer no evidence.

R v Monir [Wolverhampton-2007]

Human Trafficking case involving the arrest of many members of an extended family. The original evidence did not produce much of a case until the introduction of probe evidence from Holland. Due to the admission of that evidence a deal was struck whereby the principal defendant pleaded to a conspiracy and the others to lesser single substantive counts.

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R v Southall [Stafford-2005]

S18GBH. This was a complex trial/re-trial as a result of further allegations of perverting the course of justice in the first trial. The trial involved extensive telephone/cell site evidence and many legal submissions. The defendant was one of the only two acquitted.

I was also instructed in cases involving immigration and asylum law. My instructions in this area came from a wide range of solicitors and agencies across the north of England, including Manchester, Stoke, Bolton and Coventry in the West Midlands.

Reported Cases

R v Mayze [2013] – Thug Dean Mayze jailed after spraying man in face outside Gravesend's Bar 24

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