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Direct Access Qualified

Areas of law

- Crime
- Immigration
- Mental Health Law
- Civil
- Human Rights

Lee specialises in criminal cases mainly defending and occasionally prosecuting but also has a wide knowledge and practice in mental health law, immigration and human rights law.

Lee has defended in a wide range of criminal cases involving offences of varying degrees of complexity, including murder, rape, money laundering, fraud, firearms, drugs, offences against the person and arson.

His immigration and human rights practice covers an extensive range of cases before the First-Tier and Upper Tribunals and includes asylum, criminal casework and general deportation, as well as spouse, family, student, worker and employer appeal cases some of which had gone on to the Court of Appeal.

Depending on the circumstance, Lee can flexibly take on cases from clinical/professional negligence, personal injury, intellectual property, environmental law, mediation and arbitration.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Lee obtained a degree in microbiology (a strong component of forensic sciences) and also worked for a number of years as a qualified mental health nurse within NHS hospitals. His forensic skills and psychological awareness proves invaluable with case analysis, presentation and client care.

Lee is a qualified Public Access barrister.

Notable Cases

Murder & attempted murder:

- R v AK [2012] – Woolwich Crown Court – Double murder case.
- R v SI (& Others) [2015] – Old Bailey – Drug hijack murder case within a teenage gang.
- R v CT (& Others) [2016] – Old Bailey – Group fight murder case resulting in a manslaughter verdict.
- R v TB (& Other) [2016] – Norwich Crown Court – County lines murder case resulting in a manslaughter verdict.

Sexual offences:

- R v AO [2019] – Alleged sexual assault by man on wife – No evidence offered on strong Defence Statement referred to by judge in directions.
- R v JM [2014] – Allegation of rape against an EU migrant worker within hours of arrival in UK – Acquitted after conceding deliberate planting of DNA evidence on cross-examination.
- R v UO [2010] – Allegation of rape against previous partner.
- R v SC [2010] – Historic rape allegation against a married man on a child – Acquitted.
- R v DJ [2009] – Now married man accused of rape of ex-girlfriend – Acquitted.
- R v LG [2009] – Man accused of rape of a minor – Acquitted.
- R v VC (& Other) [2009] – 2 men accused of rape by a 14 year-old friend of the family – Acquitted.
- R v HT [2008] – Historic rape allegation from a nightclub meeting – issues of DNA & Consent – Acquitted.
- R v KM (& Others) [2007] – Allegation of gang rape – Acquitted.
- R v OO [2008] – Security guard accused of sexually touching a minor – Acquitted.
- R v MAJ [2006] – Shopkeeper accused of exposing himself to a customer with a pornographic magazine – Acquitted.

Arson:

- R v LGB (& others) [2010] – Allegation of youths burning down a quarry with over £1m damage and loss – Acquitted on a legal ruling.

Offences against the Person:

- R v EC [2019] – Stabbing among drug-use circle in dispute over money for drugs.
- R v KR [2009] – Former European Air Force pilot alleged to have caused GBH to someone he knew only socially for a suspected insurance motive – Acquitted.
- R v JJ [2009] – Allegation of GBH in a nightclub – Acquitted.

Firearms & Human Trafficking:

- R v AS [2018] – Single mother accused of facilitating trafficking of persons from France into the UK – Acquitted.
- R v KA [2018] – Refugee Defendant accused of facilitating unlawful immigration of other successful asylum candidates.
- R v AKMM [2009] – Allegation of possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life – Ballistics and DNA evidence.

Drugs:

- R v CA (& Other) [2009] – Supply of Class A via a 'crack house'.
- R v EBZ [2009] – Supply of Class A using student couriers.
- R v UI (& Other) [2009] – Supply of Class A & B drugs via Latin American countries and West Africa using residential addresses.
- R v SNN (& Others) [2008] – Large-scale cannabis cultivation.
- R v VTN (& Others) [2007] – Large-scale cannabis cultivation.
- R v UN [2007] – Large-scale cannabis cultivation across many Counties organised through front businesses and vulnerable immigrants.

Fraud:

- R v ATS (& Others) [2011] – Conspiracy to defraud the NHS by payroll staff using banking details of various parties.
- R v JO (& other) [2011] – Conspiracy to defraud individuals in lottery advanced fee scams via the internet
- R v AB [2005] – Conspiracy to defraud Secretary of State for the Home Department – Large 'marriage scam' case, as reported.

- R v KO (& Other) [2004] – Conspiracy to defraud the NHS – NHS Ghost worker scam valued at £500k.

Money Laundering:

- R v CA [2019] – Money laundering scheme involving diversion of funds from a foreign country embassy meant for purchases from Daimler Benz in Germany – Only case to go to trial and acquitted.
- R v MS & Ors [2019] – ‘AC Fraud’ scheme involving diversion of large amount of soldiers’ salaries using bank accounts of several young defendants.
- R v UD [2010] – Allegation constructed wholly from entries in accounting documents valued at £2m.
- R v UD (& Others) [2008] – Allegation of transporting large amounts in cash across UK borders by Nigerian market traders – Acquitted on a legal ruling.
- R v SB [2008] – Fraud involving Icelandic bank and Internet banking dissipated through purchase of expensive watches and luxury goods.

Reported cases

- R v Birmingham [2017] EWCA Crim 1219
- R v Madu [2016] – EWCA Crim 153
- R v Wogui [2013] EWCA Crim 1483
- R v James [2011] EWCA Crim 2441
- R v McLean [2010] EWCA Crim 2398
- R v Heslop [2007] EWCA Crim 664
- R v Jheeta [2007] EWCA Crim 3098
- R v De Melo [2007] EWCA Crim 472
- R v Brooks [2005] EWCA Crim 3039
- R v Sapon [2004] EWCA Crim 1858

Professional Memberships

- Affiliate member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences
- Criminal Bar Association