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Background and Areas of Practice

My practice is exclusively in the area of Crime. I both defend and prosecute the full range of criminal offences. I have been instructed in a number of significant cases including murders, rapes, importations and frauds. I have also prosecuted a number of complex multi handed cases.

I have also been instructed in a number of Courts Martial cases, travelling to Germany to represent soldiers from a range of Regiments.

Criminal Law Experience

I have been engaged in a large volume of Criminal work covering all areas of Criminal Practice.

Dishonesty- I have been instructed in large scale conspiracy to defraud matters, substantial theft from employers as well as a range of burglary, armed robbery and theft cases.

Sexual Offences- I have conducted a number of trials covering all levels of offence including a number of Rape cases (all of which I have successfully defended), Sexual assault matters, historic abuse cases and a range of offences under both the old and new legislation.

Violence- I am regularly instructed at all levels including a number of murders briefs and have dealt with an attempted murder alone at the Central Criminal Court, I have dealt with numerous s18s, firearms offences and lesser violence.

Drugs- I have dealt with the full range of drugs offences, from simple possession through to large scale importations, cannabis factory cases and substantial conspiracies to supply Class A drugs.

Case Profile

R v Khan, Reading Crown Court [High profile Murder]
Led by Tim Raggatt

R v Siudmak, Inner London [Historic Rape]

R v Chu, Central Criminal Court [Attempted Murder]

R v Edwards, Reading Crown Court [Rape]

R v Gunaajav, Aylesbury Crown Court [Death by Dangerous Driving]

R v Sollai, Croydon Crown Court [Importation of 10 kilos of Heroin]

R v Hall, St Alban's Crown Court [series of Armed Robberies]
Led by Tom Bayliss QC [alone in Court of Appeal]

R v Saravanamuthu, Birmingham Crown Court [£1m fraud]
Led by Richard Mandel

Sgt Roberts Investigation. I was instructed at a very early stage in relation to the death of Sgt Roberts in Iraq. A number of soldiers were being investigated in relation to charges of Murder and Manslaughter and I was instructed to represent their interests in Germany on behalf of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment.

DPP v Balham Youth Court, High Court, Queens Bench Division [Racially Aggravated Offences].

Education & Qualifications

BA Philosophy	Sussex University
C.P.E / P.G. Dip. Law	Sussex University
BVC	College of Law (Chancery Lane)
Call	Grays Inn (2000)

Professional Courses

Forensic Accounting	Serious Sexual Offences	Criminal Justice Act 2003
Human Rights Act 1998	Sexual Offences Act 2003	Proceeds of Crime 2002

Interests

I have many interests outside the bar including theatre, film, literature, and sports. I have been involved in a number of stage productions including King Lear and The Cherry Orchard. I have also been known to throw myself out of an airplane at 12000 ft whilst strapped to a man wearing a parachute. I have travelled around Europe, Asia and Africa and spent a short while living in Bangladesh. I also play (with no competence at all) a range of sports including cricket, golf and badminton and tennis.