



YEAR OF BIRTH 1962
YEAR OF CALL 1984
INN Inner Temple
CIRCUIT South Eastern

PROFILE

Since moving to 2 Hare Court in 2002 he has developed a leading junior defence practice in all major areas of crime.

More recently he has become particularly involved in defending large-scale complex multi handed tax and benefit frauds as well as continuing to act in drug trafficking, money laundering and confiscation cases including that of *R v Brian Wright* in 2008.

He has also recently acted as independent counsel to the crown to advise on legal professional privilege.

NOTABLE CASES

Case Name: *R v Powell and others*
Appearance: QC led defence junior
Category: Conspiracy to supply heroin
Detail: Multi-handed VHCC drug case; first argument re application for judge only trial; lengthy abuse of process argument re disclosure.

Case Name: *R v Wright*
Appearance: QC led defence junior
Category: Conspiracy to supply cocaine
Detail: VHCC trial of main defendant following extradition proceedings;
Contested £45m confiscation proceedings; argument re scope of Financial Reporting Orders

Case Name: *R v S and others*
Appearance: independent counsel
Category: Conspiracy to pervert course of justice
Detail: instructed to assist court re legal professional privilege on document obtained under PACE Special Procedure for Production Orders

Case Name: *R v. Bashir*
Appearance: Leading defence junior
Category: Conspiracy to defraud the Revenue
Detail: VHCC multi handed large scale tax evasion case prosecuted by QC and 2 juniors based on company fraud over many years

Case Name: *R v Iqbal*
Appearance: Leading defence junior
Category: Conspiracy to defraud immigration service and social security system
Detail: Multi-handed trial prosecuted by QC and 2 juniors; large scale systematic abuse of asylum seeker claims in Thames Valley: largest prosecution of its kind at the time.

Case Name: *R v Hussein*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Contravention of s.38[B] Terrorism Act 2000 argument;
Detail: Counter-Terrorism Unit prosecution; case linked to plot to blow up airliners.

Case Name: *R v S and others*
Appearance: Leading defence junior
Category: Conspiracy to launder proceeds of crime
Detail: Acting for former police officer in original 9 handed trial; preliminary defence legal argument at preparatory hearing proof of provenance upheld by House of Lords in linked case Montilla and others.

Case Name: *Brian Wright & Others*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Drugs
Detail: Second longest criminal trial ever, involving largest importations of cocaine recovered by customs at that time

Case name: *Amsbury and others*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Tobacco tax evasion
Detail: Large scale smuggling of tobacco into London and Midland warehouses