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Tyrone Belger is a specialist crime and fraud practitioner, with a well-known reputation for excellent legal and tactical judgement, in a wide range of difficult and sensitive criminal cases.

His skill and good humour in winning the confidence of the client is exceptional and regularly remarked upon by solicitors. He is above all versatile, sensible and reliable.

Tyrone advises and acts as junior, leading and led junior in all serious crime but principally in large scale HMRC tax and VAT frauds, drug trafficking and money laundering. He has also regularly prosecuted multi-handed serious fraud, drug and confiscation cases. He is very comfortable with paper heavy cases involving multi-expert/factual/legal issues and is expert at making them jury-friendly.

In court his understanding, then cross-examination and explanation of complex forensic/expert evidence is also a major strength: e.g. in mobile cell-site analysis, contamination issues and DNA.

Tyrone accepts [Direct Access](#) instructions.

Expertise

Business Crime & Financial Services

Tyrone is currently instructed for the CEO and director of a number of bio fuel companies eligible for EU grants and subsidies to develop an important alternative fuel source and who is alleged to have defrauded professional investors out of millions of pounds.

He is currently instructed for an employee and son of the director of a building company said to have defrauded customers by false claims as to the necessity for and quality of work completed.

Notable Cases:

HMRC v JM (Liverpool Crown Court)

Acquittal after 4 month trial acting for Company Director in a substantial VAT ‘carousel’ fraud involving FMCG’s (fast moving consumer goods) and conducted by a series of linked companies and people; prosecution expert witness former senior HMRC head of compliance.

Birmingham City Council v SW (Birmingham Crown Court)

An organised long running high value fraud in relation to the illicit collection and disposal of commercial waste leading to loss of revenue in the hundreds of thousands of pounds, with a major impact on the city council plus a significant risk of wider environmental effects

R v SS (Stoke Crown Court)

An £8 million bank guarantee fraud where a series of forged guarantees led to the ultimate collapse of a 100 year old fuel supply business as credit was extended before fraud uncovered. Senior employees within bank suspected of complicity. Defendant acquitted of most serious charges and receives suspended sentence after serious delay bordering on abuse of process.

R v LC [Operation Eider I] (Southwark and Maidstone Crown Court)

Major drug and money laundering case. 150 kilos of cocaine moved by D alone. Separate money laundering linked to massive VAT labour supply fraud

R v C

London – Blackfriars: 10 handed £14 million conspiracy to commit bank account, computer and email fraud on companies including multi nationals, solicitors and targeted wealthy individuals; acting for nurse accused of laundering money from the conspiracy across 4 years.

R v S

Tyrone and [Lewis MacDonald](#) represented an ex-employee of the Metropolitan Police accused of defrauding the Met of six-figure sums. The prosecution alleged that whilst working in a senior role in the Met’s procurement department the defendant awarded fake IT contracts to sham companies created by members of his family. His brother ran a parallel fraud in his role in the procurement department of an international company, again awarding what the prosecution allege to have been non-existent contracts to the same sham companies.

R v Hoque

Tyrone appeared on behalf of the prosecution.

Prosecuted senior accountant at Office of Fair Trading for large-scale fraud on the OFT.

Operation Rust

Tyrone appeared on behalf of the defence.

Junior defence counsel instructed to represent owner of a bonded warehouse in one of the largest-ever alcohol diversion frauds prosecuted by HM Revenue and Customs.

R v Bashir

Tyrone appeared as leading defence junior.

Conspiracy to defraud the Revenue: VHCC multi handed large scale tax evasion case prosecuted by QC and 2 juniors based on company fraud over many years.

R v Iqbal

Tyrone appeared as leading defence junior.

Conspiracy to defraud immigration service and social security system: 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.

Criminal Defence

Tyrone is currently instructed in a multi-handed conspiracy to supply class A and over 3 tonnes of class B drugs via a Spanish operation where he acts for a businessman whose premises were targeted in a wide-scale lengthy police investigation. Extensive cell-site and surveillance evidence.

Following instruction post-trial, he is advising on appeal in an historic sex abuse case based in a Midlands school dating back to the 1950's.

Tyrone is currently advising on appeal re "jury nobbling" allegations arising in and then after a three-month trial for four separate drug conspiracies.

Notable Cases:

R v SI (Woolwich Crown Court)

Instructed in multi kilo multi handed Encrochat drug conspiracy where defence computer expert currently investigating new Encro material disclosed by Crown

R v IG (Harrow Crown Court)

Acquittal following major disclosure issues in 6 handed drug gang kidnap and 8 day false imprisonment of criminal associate; torture and violence used; vast amounts of telcoms and message data analysed.

R v AK (Inner London Crown Court)

Acquittal in S18 group attack outside London night club where victim suffered life changing brain injuries and loss of sight

R v ES (Leicester Crown Court)

Acquittal for university law student in violent incident where 8 university students in 2 sided group attack using knives and poles; client suffered 4 stab wounds

R v R

January 2018: in a 4-month trial at Teesside Crown Court acted for the 16 year old son of the principal in a 7 year long conspiracy by a

single Slovak family based in the North East to exploit and traffic vulnerable people from Eastern Europe, and then to enslave them in the UK as coerced workers: Modern Slavery Act prosecution.

R v H

May 2018: acted for defendant acquitted at Woolwich Crown Court in a multi-handed large scale conspiracy to supply high grade cocaine, heroin and firearms from France and Belgium into the UK via Dover, allegedly using a corrupt Border Force officer as a contact and courier.

R v M

September 2018: London – Isleworth: acted for young professional footballer accused of a series of serious sexual assaults of complainant first contacted via Tinder.

R v S

September 2018: Kent: acted for former investment banker acquitted of alleged coercive and controlling behaviour (contrary to s.76 Serious Crime Act 2015) against partner across a number of years.

R v C

Bristol Crown Court: Leading defence junior in 3-month long ten-handed trial for first UK conspiracy to manufacture “Crystal Meth” where entrapment issues raised and integrity of probe evidence challenged.

R v K

Acted for Landlord of over 300 residential properties, facing allegations by local council of overcrowding under the HMO provisions of the Housing Act, successfully arguing reasonable excuse before a District Judge.

R v P

Central Criminal Court: Led junior for internationally renowned conductor and musician facing historic sexual abuse claims when a leading London music school Professor.