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Avirup Chaudhuri

Avirup Chaudhuri is a long standing member of chambers with extensive experience of conducting cases involving serious crime, sometimes instructed by the prosecution but mainly for the defence.

He is regularly instructed for the defence in cases, often multi-handed, involving allegations of serious violence, importing and supplying controlled drugs, armed robbery, sexual offences, money laundering, duty evasion and fraud on individuals and larger bodies including the National Health Service, financial institutions and insurance companies ("crash for cash").

He also receives instructions from the Crown Prosecution Service. Notably he prosecuted, at first instance and on appeal to the Queen's Bench Division, cases arising from a demonstration against an army parade in Luton which led to the formation of the English Defence League.

'Avirup is totally charming even with the most challenging of lay clients. He is unflappable, determined and just good.' – Legal 500 – 2024

"He both defends and prosecutes challenging cases." Legal 500 – 2020

Criminal Defence

R v S (Wood Green) – led junior in attempted murder of drug dealer in course of robbing his "stash"

R v Hancox & Duffy (Snaresbrook, Court of Appeal) – led junior in massive counterfeit currency case. This case is a leading authority on Serious Crime Prevention Orders

R v N and others (Ipswich) – cigarette smuggling

R v W and others (Kingston) – representing lead defendant in cash in transit robbery

R v S and others (Maidstone) – conspiracy to smuggle large quantities of cocaine from South America. Co-defendant gave evidence for the Crown



pursuant to an agreement under the Serious Crime Act. Acquitted.

R v A and others (CCC) – represented alleged “inside man” in armed robbery. Acquitted.

R v G (Reading) – represented serving soldier accused of rape. Acquitted.

R v K (Luton) – leading junior in case of historical sexual abuse

R v Rooney and others (Nottingham) – widely publicised modern slavery case in which the defendants were members of a large travelling family. Acquitted.

R v L (St Albans) – unusual and widely publicised case in which the defendant had self published a book about a family dispute and had it distributed. Charged under Malicious Communications Act. Acquitted after half time submission

R v G and another (Luton) – possession of firearm, ammunition and Class A drugs with intent to supply

R v G and others (Isleworth) – leading junior in case concerning allegations of conspiring to convert stolen plant machinery and laundering the (extensive) profits. Acquitted

Criminal Prosecution

Wide experience including prosecuting multi-handed cases.

Fraud & Financial Crime

R v C and others (Southwark) – Representing NHS manager in “ghost employee” fraud

R v R and others (Teesside) – Representing accredited legal executive in mortgage fraud

Professional Discipline

Mr Chaudhuri has represented serving police officers on criminal matters.

Sports Law

Mr Chaudhuri represented professional sportsmen (football, darts) on criminal matters

Trading Standards



R v L and others (Norwich) – offences under Video Recordings Act (selling/renting uncertificated films)

R v S and others (Teesside) – offences relating to overcharging mainly elderly customers for building work on private property

Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

Awards, Qualifications & Other

Grade 2 CPS Counsel

LL.B (Hons) London

Language

Bengali