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Yasmin Punjani

Yasmin practises in all areas of general crime, she is regularly instructed to defend in cases of homicide including murder, attempted murder, familial homicide, death by dangerous driving, serious violent offences, serious sexual offences, drug importation, money laundering, serious complex fraud and ancillary proceedings.

She is also regularly instructed to appear in the Court of Appeal and the Administrative Court.

She has a recognised reputation and considerable experience. She has been instructed in a number of multi handed high profile cases involving homicide, sexual allegations and fraud in the last year. She is routinely led by Queens Counsel or appears as a junior alone. She is highly regarded for her advocacy, meticulous preparation, research and legal argument.

Yasmin has been undertaking a secondment at the SFO dealing with LLP review, evidential review pre charge, disclosure review Tier 1, Tier 2 and Quality assurance. Yasmin has also been responsible for drafting of position papers to be presented to case review panels.

Some examples of the matters she has been working on include the following:

- Manipulations of Special Liquidity Scheme
- Manipulation of LIBOR
- Manipulation of EURIBOR
- Barclays Qatari Fraud by false representation
- Property investment scheme fraud (18m investor loss)
- Fraud and money laundering by a biodiesel trader in sustainable fuel sector
- Construction corruption, bribery and money laundering.
- Saudi Corruption and bribery (SANGCOM/GPT/MoD)



Criminal Defence

R v A – Serious Indecent Assault of two 14 year old complainants by a 16 year old defendant.
R v T – Successful Judicial Review of promise not to prosecute, instructed by the RMT
R v B – Successfully argued ‘issue estoppel’ as an abuse of process
R v W – Multi-handed people trafficking, prostitution and running of high class brothels in central London
R v F – Multi-handed, multiple rape and sexual assault of a child
R v O – Large scale Conspiracy to supply class A drugs – in the South East of England.
R v C – Multi handed historic rape case with multi complainants
R v A – Multi handed Murder motivated by sexual orientation
R v W – Multi handed high profile Murder and Familial Homicide
R v A – Murder and Manslaughter – defence of diminished responsibility
R v M – Rape, false imprisonment, sexual assault involving young vulnerable complainants
R v A – Armed Robbery
R v C and M – Multi handed and multiple rape of under 13 year old.
R v S – Rape of under 13 year old.
R v C – Multi handed Conspiracy to Murder with complex telephone and cell site evidence
R v B – Gang related Murder with anonymous witnesses and covert recordings

Criminal prosecution & Bribery & Corruption

Disclosure Counsel instructed by Serious Fraud Office for cases concerning manipulations of Special Liquidity Scheme, LIBOR, EURIBOR, and Barclays Qatari Fraud by false representation.

Fraud & Financial Crime & Asset Forfeiture & Confiscation

R v M – NHS fraud by an unqualified dentist, instructed as Junior Counsel
R v M – Multi-million pound Royal Mail and DWP fraud, instructed as junior Counsel
R v G – Multi-million pound Money Laundering within companies set up in UK and Columbia, instructed as Junior Counsel
R v B – Multi million pound VAT evasion on imported prestige cars, instructed as junior Counsel
R v C – Multi handed and multi million pound VAT evasion
R v S – Large scale bank fraud with the use of false identity documents
R v K – Multi handed bank Fraud and Armed Robbery

Other Advisory

Advisor to World Productions Ltd for Sky Atlantic Drama Series.



Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

Young Fraud Lawyers Association