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Terence Woods

Terence Woods has established a successful practice in both prosecution and defence work and is now ranked as a Leading Junior in Crime by the Legal 500**.**

He is a Level 4 Prosecutor and a member of the Rape and Child Sexual Abuse List ("the Rape List") and the CPS Serious Crime Group Panel. He undertakes publicly funded and private work and is qualified to accept instructions on a Direct Access basis.

He prosecutes and defends in the most serious cases including murder, manslaughter, firearms, rape, modern slavery and fraud. Although predominantly working in and around London he also works nationally.

Asset Forfeiture & Confiscation

Prosecuting and defending in cases under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 involving the seizure/or attempted seizure of substantial assets worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. Has dealt with cases involving equitable beneficial interests and third party claims.

Criminal Defence

Mr Woods has defended in almost every type of case in the criminal calendar including the following:

R v Ruzindana – murder/manslaughter – diminished responsibility as a result of post traumatic stress from Rwandan genocide

R v Roci – people trafficking from Baltic States for prostitution

R v Parveen– one of first Baby P type prosecutions for offence of causing or allowing the death of a child

R v Usher – one punch manslaughter involving double jeopardy issues

R v Connors – one of few prosecutions under Modern Slavery Act for forced labour

R v Lilley – historic sex offences

R v Knight – attempted murder through injection of insulin to patient in hospital

R v El Asfari – large scale immigration fraud involving links to Syria

Criminal Prosecution

Mr Woods is a member of the “Rape List” and “Serious Crime Group” prosecuting serious cases on behalf of the CPS involving sexual offences and multiple defendants. Developed a particular expertise in the examination-in-chief and cross-examination of vulnerable witnesses (often young children but also vulnerable adults) and is an accredited Vulnerable Witness Facilitator.

R v Woodley – serious sexual offences involving vulnerable complainants and use of intermediary

Fraud and Financial Crime

R v Taylor – Large scale international Ponzi scheme fraud

R v Coyle – Multi-defendant boiler room fraud involving elderly victims

R v Chaudhury – Large scale retail banking fraud

R v Basham – Causing or facilitating breach of immigration law (fraudulent operation of TOEIC test for visa applicants

R v Dixit – Solicitor alleged to have perverted the course of public justice and committed revenue fraud

Military & Courts Martial

Representing senior officer charged with fraud/corruption relating to the distribution of army catering contracts

RAF – Multi defendant cases cases involving allegations of violence

Professional Discipline

Mr Woods has represented members of British Transport Police and Metropolitan Police officers on allegations of breaches of discipline and racism.

Trading Standards

Mr Woods has dealt with numerous cases involving breaches of consumer trading regulations in relation to ear piercing, counterfeiting, unfair trading practices.

Other

Mr Woods has also dealt with RSPCA prosecutions of multiple defendants in relation to cock fighting and puppy farming.

Professional Memberships

South Eastern Circuit

Criminal bar Association

Awards, Qualifications & Other

University College London LLB (Hons)

Inns of Court School of Law

Pupil Supervisor

Grade 4 CPS Counsel

CPS Rasso Panel

Direct Access

Terence is approved to accept instructions direct from international and UK clients on a direct access basis, without the need for a solicitor intermediary in appropriate cases.