



Anthony Harrison

Called 2004

Areas of Practice

Criminal Defence, Courts Martial

Anthony is a dedicated advocate with a proven track record for securing positive results for his clients. He has developed a varied practice over several years, defending clients who face the gravest charges (see below). He also specialises in more niche areas of crime including protestor cases, courts martial and social security fraud. He prides himself in his meticulous approach to cases and his strong rapport with clients.

Anthony is also an experienced junior having been led in several cases of murder, complex fraud and conspiracies involving drugs and violence.

Anthony has a growing appellate practice, regularly advising on appeals against conviction and sentence. Within his first year of practice, he persuaded the Court of Appeal to adopt his construction of key social security legislation thereby quashing his clients benefit fraud convictions. The case is reported, *R v Passmore [2008] 1 Cr. App. R. 12*, and is a leading authority in the field of benefit fraud



Notable Cases

Murder, serious violence and robbery



R v James & Another (2010- upcoming) – Central CC. Led Junior in murder case involving knife attack by teenagers on another youth.



R v Rhodes Butler & Others (2009 - Central CC. Led Junior in murder case involving a double shooting outside a Stretham nightclub. Acquitted.



R v McGregor (2008) - Central CC. Led Junior in murder case involving teenage gang stabbing (MDP) in West Ealing. Acquitted.



R v Fosh (2007) – Winchester CC. Led Junior in conspiracy to commit GBH. Hammer attack by youths on war veteran. Acquitted.



R v Read Kontou – Southwark CC. Conspiracy to Rob. “Smash and grab” robberies of high profile Bond Street stores (Mulberry, Louis Vuitton) by group on mopeds. Successful cross examination of Prosecution DNA expert led to Judge ordering acquittals.



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R v Amissah – Southwark CC. s.18 GBH – defendant accused of stabbing complainant's head with a screwdriver in road rage incident. Acquitted.

Drugs and Fraud and Confiscation

R v Caffell (& Others) – Winchester CC. Led Junior in multi-handed, multi-million pound mortgage fraud conspiracy.

R v Burte (2009) – Harrow CC. Conspiracy to supply class A drugs. Family accused of multi-kilo drug supply and possession of firearms on Stonebridge Park estate. Case reported in the press.

R v Martin (2009) – Lewes CC. Represented Tesco accounts manager in £150,000 breach of trust and confiscation case.

R v Passmore – Isleworth CC. Benefit fraud. Convictions quashed by the Court of Appeal, see above.

Sex Offences

R v North (2010) – Cambridge CC. Representing defendant accused of serious sex offences against a child.

R v Clarke (2010)- Reading CC. Representing client accused of various offences under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 involving young women. Complex legal argument on dangerousness and Sexual Offences Prevention Orders to follow.

R v Judge (2009)- Portsmouth CC. Case involved grooming a child under 13.

ProtestorCases / Courts Martial

R v George (& Others) – Uxbridge Magistrates. Case involved defendants chaining themselves to gates of Israeli export firm, Agrexco, in protest of Israeli treatment of Palestinians. Arguments of international law relied on. All defendants acquitted.

R v Caruso- Aldershot Court Martial. Represented soldier in theft and breach of trust case.

Speaking Events and Training, Seminars

Tooks Chambers Legal Snapshots series:
Resisting bad character applications:[Resisting Bad Character Applications - Seminar notes](#)

Benefit fraud: guest speaker at Social Security Law Practitioner's Association at Garden Court 2010.

Membership and Societies

Free Representation Unit
Liberty
Criminal Bar Association

Other Relevant Information

Anthony studied law at Cambridge University where he obtained an MA Honours degree. He is a former national schools public speaking champion, World Championship debating finalist and successfully

represented the university debating team at numerous national and international competitions.

He also has a keen interest in human rights and international affairs, having previously worked as a researcher for Liberty and as an intern at the United States Congress in Washington DC for Democrat congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, specialising in human rights law.

Outside of law, Anthony enjoys music, theatre and sport. He is a former member of the National Youth Theatre and successfully completed a performance skills course at the English National Opera before coming to the Bar.