



Anthony Harrison

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Areas of Practice

Criminal Defence, Courts Martial

Combining meticulous preparation with robust advocacy, Anthony has developed a successful criminal practice over several years, defending those facing the gravest charges. He also practises in more specialised areas of crime including protestor cases, courts martial and regulatory offences. He prides himself in his strong rapport with clients and solicitors.

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 – Central CC. Led Junior in murder case involving knife attack by teenagers on another youth. Acquitted.

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

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

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

R v Groves and others – successfully defended football fan accused of violent disorder and affray during Arsenal-Manchester United Champions League semi final match. Case reported in the press.

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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.

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

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

R v Johnson and others – represented defendant accused of multi-handed burglary/car ringing conspiracy across the Home Counties and Essex (Operation Bath).

R v Burte – 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.

Sex Offences

R v North – Cambridge CC. Represented defendant accused of serious sex offences against a child.

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

R v Judge - Portsmouth CC. Represented defendant accused of grooming and sexually assaulting a child under 13.

Specialised Cases

London Borough of Newham v Lodge Property Management – advised and represented private company in dispute with local authority concerning compliance with The Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation (England) Regulations 2006.

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

Anthony is available to give accredited seminars on current criminal law topics at solicitors’ firms. Please enquire with his clerks for further details.

Tooks Chambers Legal Snapshots series:

Resisting bad character applications: [Resisting Bad Character Applications - Seminar notes](#)

Anthony will be giving a seminar on recent case law developments concerning bad character and hearsay evidence as part of the Tooks Legal Snapshots series later this year.

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.