



Naeem Mian

Called 2002

Areas of Practice

Naeem practices primarily in criminal law and has proven to be a popular choice of counsel amongst both solicitors and lay clients. Recognised for his skilful and robust advocacy, Naeem has rapidly built both a reputation and successful defence practice since coming to the Bar. Whether as junior counsel being led or instructed alone he is usually briefed in cases that are often seen as the preserve of counsel with greater seniority. Naeem is regularly instructed to act for defendants charged with the most serious of offences including Terrorist Act offences, multi defendant murders and large scale multi-defendant drug and fraud cases.

In 2008 Naeem completed a long running multi defendant case in which his client was charged with various Terrorist Act offences including Fundraising, Inciting Terrorism Overseas and Possession of an Article For A Terrorist Purpose (Operation Champfer).

A jury having been unable to reach a verdict in 2008, in 2009, Naeem secured the acquittal of Mr Saleem in the case of R v Ali, Saleem & Shakil in which the defendant's were jointly charged with Conspiracy to Cause Explosions With Intent To Endanger Life (the 7/7 bombings of the London transport system which resulted in the deaths of 52 people - Operation Theseus).

Naeem is currently acting for a number of individuals who have not been charged with any offence but whom the Home Secretary considers to have been involved in terrorism or terrorism related activities and are therefore subject to Control Orders under the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005. Control Order proceedings involve the extensive use of secret or closed evidence by the Home Secretary and are a hybrid of both civil and criminal procedure. They are heard exclusively before judges of the High Court at the RCJ.

As well as being instructed in the Inquests into the deaths arising out of the 7th July 2005 London bombings, Naeem is also instructed in a number of murder trials this year. He has also been instructed to represent a seventeen year old who, along with nineteen others; is charged with murder following an incident at Victoria Station during rush hour. This trial is due to begin next year (2011).

His broad practice, encompassing as it does a variety of work, indicates that Naeem is seen as a talented all rounder by those who instruct him.

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We actively encourage those considering instructing Naeem for the first time to speak with those who have instructed him in the past.

Background Information

Naeem is a member of the Bar Quality Assurance Board.

Acts as a Legal Consultant to various independent television and radio production companies.

Naeem is also a regular contributor to discussions on a variety of topical legal issues for BBC Radio 5 Live, BBC Radio 2 and BBC News 24. He has taken part in live discussions on many issues including the Hutton Inquiry, International Criminal Tribunals, proposed reforms to the Terrorism Act(s) and proposed changes to Parole Board procedure.

Birnberg Peirce & Partners - Gained extensive experience of both criminal and civil proceedings at various levels including the Courts of Appeal. Cases include:

R v McKinley & McArdle: Canary Wharf bombing case.

R v Kelly, Phillips & Others: Conspiracy to cause explosions.

R v McCotter & Others: IRA prison escape from HMP Whitemoor SSU.

R v MacNamee: Successful appeal against conviction for the Hyde Park Bombing.

R v O'Brien & Others: Successful appeal against conviction for murder (Cardiff 3).

Inquest into the police shooting of Diarmuid O'Neal.

Languages

Fluent in Urdu and Punjabi.