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Qualifications

BA Hons, Mphil (Politics), CPE

Languages

Fluent in Urdu and Punjabi.

Areas of Practice

Acknowledged in both the 2011 and 2012 editions of Chambers & Partners UK as a leader in his field, Naeem is usually instructed in cases of particular complexity. From cases as varied as Terrorism Act offences, murder and drug importation to fraud, he is noted for his ability to rapidly identify and address the key issues in any case.

Naeem is one of the very few barristers who has been both instructed in many of the leading cases connected with alleged acts of terrorism and who has a proven track record of success in such cases. His extensive experience in the conduct of such cases means that he is frequently instructed at a very early stage of proceedings in order to both advise and offer the lay client some sense of continuity in representation.

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.

We actively encourage those considering instructing Naeem for the first time to speak with those who have instructed him in the past. For more details please contact a member of the Criminal Clerking Team.

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 defendants 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

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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. He is one of the very few barristers instructed in such proceedings.

Having been instructed in the Inquests into the deaths arising out of the 7th July 2005 London bombings, Naeem recently appeared in Judicial Review proceedings issued against the Lord Chancellor challenging his decision, made shortly before the 2010 General Election, to refuse funded representation for the bereaved family of one of the bombers. In contrast to this decision, The Lord Chancellor granted fully funded representation to the other parties in the proceedings. The Lord Chancellor at the time was Jack Straw.

Having started this year by representing an individual charged with Misconduct in a Public Office, Naeem recently completed a long running case at the Central Criminal Court as leading counsel. Following a trial lasting 12 weeks with six defendants, his client was unanimously acquitted by the jury of involvement in a multi-million pound fraud.

After a trial lasting some three months, In August Naeem secured the acquittal of one of the twenty teenagers charged with murder following an incident at Victoria Station during rush hour.

In only the second contested prosecution of its type ever to be brought, in September he represented an individual charged with 15 counts of breaching a Control Order contrary to the PTA 2005. An Old Bailey jury unanimously acquitted the defendant on counts 1 and 2. They were unable to reach verdicts on the remaining 13 counts and were discharged. The prosecution chose not to seek a re-trial on the 13 counts.

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.

The following are some examples of notable cases that he has been instructed in. For further details please contact a member of our Criminal Clerking Team.

Terrorism

Given his extensive experience in such matters, Naeem is usually instructed at a very early stage thereby enabling him to both advise and be involved at every stage of the case to its conclusion.

R v K & Others.

Allegation of being engaged in fundraising for a terrorist purpose.

R v K & Others

Allegations of inciting terrorism

R v S & Others

Allegation of conspiracy to cause explosions (7/7 tube bombing resulting in the deaths of 52 people).

R v K & K

Allegations of preparing for acts of terrorism and possessing terrorism related material.

R v G & Others

Allegations of preparing for acts of terrorism and possessing terrorism related material.

R v BG

Alleged attendance at terrorist training camp.

R v CD

Allegation of breaching a Control Order.

R v CD

Allegation of involvement in attempt to launch 'Mumbai style' attack in UK.

R v CA

Allegation of attending terrorist training camp.

Murder

Naeem has been instructed on numerous gang related cases of murder, 'honour killings' and manslaughter. As such, he has experience of cell site and forensic evidence, both of which are frequently deployed by the prosecution.

R v O & Others

Murder of a car driver with a firearm in rush hour traffic.

R v R & Others

Revenge murder with gang related background

R v K & Others

Revenge murder with gang related background

R v F & Others

Revenge murder with gang related background

R v J & Others

Murder involving 9 school children.

R v N & Others

Murder involving 20 college students

R v A & Others

Murder resulting from an ongoing feud between rival gangs.

Fraud

Such cases invariably involve vast amounts of documentation. However, such cases are often determined by a few key issues. The ability to identify, address and convey to a jury the key issues has resulted in Naeem being instructed in such cases.

R v BL & Others

Teacher charged with multiple counts of fraud and possession of instruments for purposes connected with fraud.

R v K & Others

Alleged multi-million pound fraud involving the use of multiple 'ghost companies' and money laundering.

R v J & Others

Multiple counts of fraud connected with provision of government funding.

R v D & Others

Multi- million pound mortgage fraud conducted over a number of years.

R v F & Others

Multiple counts of insurance fraud.