

## CASES OF NOTE - APPELLATE COURTS

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- **Manzur v GMC** (2002) 64 BMLR 68 – Appeal to the Privy Council regarding the erasure of the doctor's name from the register on account of fraud to the Privy Council. At the hearing my role was to submit on the specific point of the GMC's failure to give adequate reasons contrary to Article 6 ECHR. Case reported at
- **Regina v Ervin** [2002] EWCA Crim 1016 Appeal against sentence regarding theft by finding.
- **Regina v Lisbon Allen** [2003] EWCA Crim 525 Appeal against sentence in respect of Class A drug dealing to undercover officers.
- **Regina v Patel** [2004] unreported due to sensitive nature of appeal.
- **Regina v Biloum** [2004] EWCA Crim 3462 Appeal against sentence regarding Conspiracy to make false statement with reference to marriage.(Guideline)
- **Regina v Tuckman** [2005] EWCA Crim 335 Appeal against sentence regarding adjusting sentencing tariffs after reclassification of cannabis. (Guideline)
- **Regina v Cooper** [2005] EWCA Crim 1802 Application for leave to appeal against sentence in respect of persistent thefts..
- **R v B** [2006] EWCA Crim 90 Appeal against sentence for a juvenile offended arising out of a racially aggravated robbery.
- **R v El Khouri** [2006] EWCA Crim 493 Appeal against sentence in respect of being part of a credit card cloning gang.
- **R v M** [2006] EWCA Crim 2921 Appeal against conviction arising out of prejudicial comments made by a judge in summing up.
- **R v Hogart** [2007] Appeal against conviction in respect of admission of civil 'Bad Character' evidence.
- **R v Hyde** [2008] Appeal against sentence regarding Amphetamine manufacture.

## CASES OF NOTE - CROWN COURT

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- **R v Skeggs** - Wolverhampton Crown Court- (acquitted March 2008) conspiracy to import 5 tons of cannabis where there Crown called 'expert evidence' regarding the business structure of drug cartels
- **R v Hyde (2)** - Kingston Crown Court (acquitted January 2008) - Kingston Crown Court – 60 kgs cocaine supply conspiracy arising out of a 13-month undercover operation all caught on transcript.
- **R v Walrond** - Southwark Crown Court (2007) – Kidnapping in the criminal underworld based on cell-site and voice comparison analysis.
- **R v Martin-Walthar** - Middlesex Crown Court (2007) - Laundering the proceeds of a 7 year drug dealing operation. The forensic accounting exercise was painstaking.
- **R v Din** - Blackfriars Crown Court (2007) - Kidnapping based upon complex issues of hearsay. Indictment quashed and writ of habeas corpus obtained
- **R v Mcfly** - Kingston Crown Court (2006) - Murder via arson based on an alleged confession by a pathological liar. My responsibility was the question of seat of the fire, rate of spread and accelerants. The Crown withdrew on evidential difficulties.
- **R v Campbell** - Central Criminal Court (2006) - Gangland murder representing a youth. The Crown instructed an 'expert' regarding gangland language and culture, my responsibility was to deal with this specific issue. The Crown withdrew on evidential difficulties.
- **R v Hamed aka Pinchen** - Snaresbrook Crown Court (2006) - Prosecution of a 10 year housing benefit fraud. Taking a rare turn, I agreed to prosecute this case

due to the complex issues of trust law that were being advanced by the defence. After a 4 week case the defendant was convicted of all 15 counts within 1 hour.

- **R v Rouse** (2006)- 4 year Ghost employee & overtime fraud within British Rail Network by those who held positions of management.
- **R v Din** - Snaresbrook Crown Court (2006) - Large amphetamine supply case where serious abuses by the Crown were exposed. As a result of a highly technical abuse of process argument the indictment was stayed.
- **R v Hogart** - Southwark Crown Court (2005) - High profile confidence trickster resulting in a corporate fraud. Required detailed cross-examination of directors and company directors.
- **R v Suliaskas** - Snaresbrook Crown Court (2005) - Junior to David Hatton QC. Rape and crimes associated to a Lithuanian prostitution ring where I was instructed due to the complex issues of Bad Character Evidence and similar fact evidence.
- **R v Watters** - Central Criminal Court (2005) – Junior to Geoffrey Cox QC MP. Domestic murder involving the cross-examination of neurosurgeons, neuropathologists, pathologists and blood spatter experts. As Leading Counsel was detained for parts of the trial due to parliamentary duties I conducted the Cross-examination of the forensic experts and arresting officers alone. A large part of the legal research concentrated on the new Bad Character provisions allowing the introduction of previous convictions for domestic violence.
- **R v Suissa** - Isleworth Crown Court (2005) – Customs & Excise Prosecution regarding the importation of 6m counterfeit cigarettes from China with investigations in China, Israel, South Africa and Gibraltar.
- **R v Anibueze** - Kingston Crown Court (2004-5) – A domestic ‘skimming’ and credit-card cloning fraud in excess of £1m, representing the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant of 18. The prosecution served in excess of 16,000 pages of evidence which required a large amount of tracing of funds through the evidence.
- **R v Bibby** - Maidstone Crown Court (2004) – Junior to Thomas Baylis QC. Crossbow murder defending a 19 year old boy which involved complex ballistic investigations. I was awarded my ‘Red Bag’ for the role that I undertook in respect of the cross-examination of the ballistic experts and the preparation of the defendant for his testimony.
- **R v Sultani** - Snaresbrook Crown Court (2004) – An historic sexual abuse case with records covering an 18-year period. I was brought specifically to prepare and submit upon aspects of law rather than fact. As a result a number of the counts on the indictment withdrawn by the prosecution.
- **R v Patel & Os** - Snaresbrook Crown Court (2004) – ‘Operation Goldmine II’ was a large cocaine and heroin street dealing operation and we represented the 1<sup>st</sup> on the indictment. Mr Patel pleaded guilty on a sensitive basis of plea.
- **R v Ahmed & Os.** Southwark Crown Court (2004) –. A domestic ‘skimming’ and credit-card cloning fraud in excess of £1.8m. My focus was the graphological analysis and exhibits which was at the heart of the Crown’s case.
- **R v King & Os.** Derby Crown Court (2003) - A large scale Retailer refund fraud covering UK, Greece, Bulgaria and US value of £2.4m. I was responsible primarily for the legal arguments concerning cross-jurisdictional clash on the law of conspiracy and the analysis of telephone records of 6448 calls made.
- **R v Cook & Os.** Leicester Crown Court (2003) –VAT evasion and money laundering in excess of £3m covering the Netherlands, Italy, Hong Kong, the British Virgin Islands and Monaco. As a result of abuse of process arguments drafted alleging corruption amongst Customs & Excise the Crown withdrew prior to oral submissions.
- **R v Jacques** - Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court (2003) - ‘The Tome Raider’ case where books and manuscripts had been stolen from The London Library and Cambridge University Library and were auctioned of abroad. Mr Jacques

pleaded guilty having returned from Cuba to face the charges. I was instructed due to my knowledge of classical literature.

- **R v Martin & Os.** - Norwich Crown Court (2002) – The largest prosecution of conspiracy to counterfeit videos to have been brought by the Federation Against Copyright Theft. Due to items found in the unused material which were put to the 1<sup>st</sup> prosecution witness, the Crown applied for the witness to be deemed hostile. This was refused and the Crown subsequently offered no evidence against Mr Martin.
- **R v Fuller & Os.** - Southwark Crown Court (2002) – Laundering of the proceeds of a fraud on LB Lambeth in excess of £2m. During the Crown's case I formulated the basis of a half-time submission on the issue that a BACS electronic transfer could not constitute 'property' which could be laundered. Against leading counsel for the Crown. HHJ Laurie allowed the application and consequently ordered not guilty verdicts against not only Mr Fuller but also all other defendants.
- **R v Grimes** - Southwark Crown Court (2001)- Counterfeiting £11m in various currencies over a 10-year period.
- **R v Sabaroche** – Maidstone Crown Court (2000) - Junior to William Clegg QC. Attempted murder within HMP Swayleside. Character research of prosecution witnesses, the majority of whom were serving prisoners.