



Year of Call: 1993

Experienced Leading Junior and Junior Advocate alone:

- **Sexual Offences**
- **Drugs Offences**
- **Organised Crime and;**
- **Homicide**

SEXUAL OFFENCES

Ayaz is experienced in the full range of Sexual Offences before the Courts. These include more recent and historical allegations often involving vulnerable witnesses. He is trained in vulnerable witness handling and regularly deals with the examination of child witnesses in such cases.

In recent years instructions have been in respect of cases where sexual exploitation has alleged to have taken place by the targeting of vulnerable witnesses by groups. These cases have often attracted considerable publicity. In the past Ayaz has been instructed in group related offending said to have occurred in Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, Peterborough and South Yorkshire.

He is currently involved defending in numerous indictments prosecuted by the National Crime Agency and the CPS. Notably, he is currently instructed in 'Operation Stovewood', an intense and targeted investigation devoted to the investigation of offences said to have taken place in Rotherham.

DRUGS

Often instructed in wide ranging allegations relating to Organised Crime Groups where often the deployment of County Lines offending is alleged. Has appeared in many importation and conspiracy allegations over the last twenty years. These have often included the exploitation of vulnerable individuals to participate in such crimes often resulting in their referrals and classification as trafficked individuals.

ORGANISED CRIME

Ayaz has been instructed and retains instructions in respect of complex immigration related offending. These include the facilitation of and trafficking of foreign nationals. His experience includes the most complex and detailed investigations often undertaken by various agencies. These include the National Crime Agency, UK Border Agency, CPS and the



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Has appeared in some significant homicide cases. These have included allegations of gross negligence manslaughter and Murder. He is currently instructed in at least four homicide cases due for trial in 2021.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Ayaz is a member of:

- Grays Inn;
- Criminal Bar Association

LANGUAGES

Ayaz speaks Urdu and Punjabi fluently.

Testimonials

Ayaz is, without the least hesitation, a class act. His approach to cases is based on excellent preparation and thoroughness to the extent of minute detail. – Legal 500, 2023