

Profile

A dedicated criminal defence specialist with a nationwide practice and reputation for consistently delivering excellence for clients across the spectrum of allegations. Syam has represented those accused of some of the most serious offences, as well as leading business professionals, CEOs and even nobility.

Principal areas of expertise include:

- Defence Crime: multi-handed violence/disorder, serious sexual offences, weapons, drugs supply/conspiracy *etc.*
- Business Crime: fraud (particularly benefit/document/mortgage frauds), bribery, contested POCA proceedings *etc.*
- Civil Litigation: inquests, commercial/contractual litigation and injunctive relief

Syam had a successful career in the banking industry prior to the Bar and brings experience of corporate/business awareness and practice to his instructions. He also volunteered on Death Row in Houston, Texas.

Syam is multilingual- fluent in Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi- and authorised to accept instructions from members of the public

Expertise

Defence Crime

Serious Violence/Disorder:

- R v S & Others (Worcester CC, ongoing): multi-handed violent disorder resulting in substantial damage and serious injury
- R v F (Birmingham CC, ongoing): s.18- defending woman accused of serious 'glassing' in busy bar
- R v S (Luton CC, 2021): acquittal involving 6 allegations of violence- including against emergency workers- and damage
- R v S (Basildon CC, 2021): acquittal of vulnerable man with severe mental and physical health issues
- R v W & W (Isleworth CC, 2021): s.18- legal argument led to discharge of jury where D accused of causing life-changing injuries. Retrial due 2022

- R v B (Kingston CC, 2021): s.18- defended woman with complex mental health difficulties accused of throwing boiling water into the face of a care assistant
- R v K & Others (Leeds CC, 2019): s.18- case involved multiple, complex, legal arguments (LPP, PII, hearsay, disclosure, bad character *etc.*)
- R v G (Central Criminal Court, 2019): secured bail for murder accused

Weapons:

- R v S (Norwich CC, 2021): acquittal concerning possession of blades where a conviction would have resulted in serious reputational harm to D
- R v S (Isleworth CC, 2021): acquittal in serious violent disorder (later affray) involving 25 people armed with swords in a residential neighbourhood
- R v G (Brighton CC, 2020): acquittal where D charged with having bladed articles and had numerous convictions for the same offence
- R v L (Wood Green CC, 2019): defended youth charged with armed robberies involving an imitation firearm

Sexual Offences:

- R v C (York CC, ongoing): rape allegation where D is said to have made a confession. Secured jury discharge (retrial due 2022)
- C (ongoing): instructed pre-charge to advise rape suspect
- R v C (Basildon CC, 2021): represented defendant charged with possessing indecent and extreme images. Avoided Newton Hearing and secured community order where custody otherwise inevitable
- R v P (Isleworth CC, 2021): instructed in case involving online 'paedophile hunters'
- R v S (Bradford CC, 2018): defended youth accused of serious sexual assaults

Drugs:

- R v A (Isleworth CC, ongoing): defending man accused of PWITS Class A where D has relevant previous convictions
- R v M (Snaresbrook CC, 2021): secured suspended sentence for PWITS Class A where the expectation was that D would receive a sentence of immediate custody of significant length
- R v L (Snaresbrook CC, 2021): trial of historic drugs offences (PWITS Class A)
- R v C (Guildford CC, 2021): trial of PWITS Class A where the case turned around the definition of a 'prison'

Business Crime:

- R v O (Basildon CC, ongoing): defending client charged with complex document-falsification fraud
- R v B (Chelmsford CC, 2020): instructed in allegations of fraud said to have spanned several years and subsequent contested POCA proceedings
- R v W (Birmingham CC, 2019): defended client charged with multiple offences pertaining to his immigration status

Civil Litigation

Syam has a growing quasi-criminal/civil practice to include:

- Inquest representation: currently instructed on behalf of an interested party in complex inquest proceedings in the aftermath of a lengthy Police investigation and pending Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)
- Contested applications for injunctive relief. Recent instructions include:
 - o B v B (2021): application for non-molestation order whilst resisting a cross-application
 - o R v R (2021): advice re: resisting application for injunctive relief, limiting future financial liability and safeguarding assets
- Contractual/commercial litigation: instructed on behalf of CEOs/foreign business leaders in contractual and commercial disputes. Recent instructions include:
 - o E v W (ongoing): advising on contractual dispute concerning multi-million Pound development
 - o In the matter of F LTD (2021): advised company re: discharge of liabilities
 - o S v S (2021): advised client in circumstances where there was *prima facie* overlap of civil/criminal liability and potential POCA issues
 - o H v C (2019): instructed to advise re: commercial dispute valued at *circa* £500,000 where there was an overlap of civil/criminal liability

[Expert in: Business Crime, Defence Crime, POCA, Sexual Offences, Civil Litigation]

Memberships

- Honourable Society of Lincolns Inn
- Criminal Bar Association (CBA)
- Society of Asian Lawyers
- Mentor at Queer Lawyers of Tomorrow
- Amicus ALJ