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Year of Call: 1987

Tony has a busy criminal practice representing clients in the most complex and serious cases.

He is regularly instructed as leading counsel and is experienced in an array of specialist advisory, trial and appellate expertise in cases involving every aspect of criminal law including murder, serious violence, firearms offences, blackmail, kidnap, armed robbery, sexual offences, insolvency offences, road traffic offences, fraud, and drug offences.

Tony is familiar with difficult defences such as duress, cut-throat defences and self-inflicted injuries as a few examples. Tony often appears in the Court of Appeal and has developed a specialty in identifying grounds for appeal against conviction and sentencing.

Tony is extremely experienced in relation to costs cases.

Tony accepts both legally aided and private instructions and is public-access qualified.

Appointments & Memberships:

The Honorable Society of the Inner Temple
Criminal Bar Association

Notable Cases

R v SP - Harrow Crown Court. Two charges of being in charge of a dog which caused injury whilst dangerously out of control. Submission of no case to answer on basis no act or omission which created the dangerous situation to arise and liability whilst strict was not absolute. (Acquitted)

R v CM - 3-month trial at Kingston Crown Court as leading junior. Class A drugs importations over a number of years. 'Supergrass' involved. Defendant was a baggage-handler Four charges. (Acquitted)

R v CB - 3 month trial at Central Criminal Court. Leading junior. Gang-related perverting the course of justice. Defendant not called. (Acquitted)

R v JBT - Central Criminal Court. Cut-throat Colombian drugs case. Defendant was a cleaner who was duped. (Acquitted)

R v AN - Kingston Crown Court (sexual assault in the bedroom of the home of a stranger) (Acquitted)



R v AY - Reading Crown Court (attempted robbery in a "car-jacking" Defence was that the Defendant was just innocently seeking a lift) (Acquitted)

R v AB - Reading Crown Court (class A drugs). Submission of no case. (Acquitted)

R v GN - Bournemouth Crown Court (armed robbery in a jewellers) (Acquitted)

R v RH - Guildford Crown Court (offensive weapon (axe). Defence hinged upon claim that the other man had a gun) (Acquitted)

R v DW - Canterbury Crown Court (domestic violence where defence was that injuries were self-inflicted) (Acquitted)

R v CR - Isleworth Crown Court (Burglary. Submission of no case to answer although previous convictions for burglary in evidence as evidence of propensity). (Acquitted)

R v MH - Central Criminal Court (domestic violence. Previous conviction for domestic violence admitted) (Acquitted)

R v DF - Maidstone Crown Court (tobacco smuggling. Prosecution tachograph expert shown to be critically flawed by reference to defence evidence from foreign toll records) (Acquitted)

R v DM - Inner London Crown Court (threats to kill. In evidence that defendant allegedly involved in guns and drugs) (Acquitted)

R v IA - Reading Crown Court (Robbery. Erstwhile co-defendant had pleaded guilty although on identical position on the facts) (Acquitted)

R v MC - Wood Green Crown Court (possession with intent to supply class A drugs. The drugs were in a biscuit tin on a shelf in the defendant's bedroom and he accepted that it was his tin but denied knowledge of the drugs. No defence evidence called.) (Acquitted)

R v DZ - Croydon Crown Court (Rape on a stranger. Jury verdict in 24 minutes) (Acquitted)

R v FD - Inner London Crown Court (affray although defendant accepted going to his neighbour's door with a knife in his hand to complain about noise) (Acquitted)

R v DU - Lewes Crown Court (blackmail involving large sums committed over a lengthy period) (Acquitted)

R v DW - Central Criminal Court (black cab driver accused of dangerous driving, careless driving and assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Defence evidence via video-link from the Ukraine from the passengers; a Ukrainian MP and a Ukrainian industrialist) (Acquitted)



R v ST - Central Criminal Court (possession of class A drugs with intent to supply. Briefed on the first day of trial as a return) (Acquitted)

R v GEE - Guildford Crown Court (grievous bodily harm with intent. Defence was that there was no assault and the injuries were caused by another or by accident not involving the defendant) (Acquitted)

R v KL - Reading Crown Court (historic sex case. Complainant was autistic. Defendant was his mother. Submission of no case to answer (Acquitted)

R v JC - Reading Crown Court (possession of class A drugs with intent to supply. Defence was police "plant") (Acquitted)

R v GKA - Winchester Crown Court (possession of class A drugs with intent to supply. Defence was duress) (Acquitted)

R v AM - Guildford Crown Court (rape) (Acquitted)

R v DW - Canterbury Crown Court (domestic violence where defence was that injuries were self-inflicted) (Acquitted)

R v AE - Harrow Crown Court (dangerous driving involving stunt-driving at a public roundabout) (Acquitted)

R v JB - Blackfriars Crown Court (burglary based on recent possession, no defence evidence called) (Acquitted)

R v JJ - Central Criminal Court (sexual assault on a stranger at a bar. Defence was that the Defendant drunkenly stumbled into the complainant.) (Acquitted)

Court of Appeal, Judicial Review and Costs Cases

1991

R v Lee Saunders [appeal allowed]

1992

R v Patrick Sheehy [appeal allowed]

1994

R v Leon Grant

R v Donald Anderson

1995

R v Rhandir Dhami [appeal allowed: original counsel advised against appeal]



1996

R v Alagie Bah

R v Carl Harris

1997

R v Steven Lukeman

R v David and Sharon Woods [leave granted but appeal dismissed]

R v Paul Cunningham [appeal allowed although single judge Johnson J had refused leave]

R v Trevor Batt [appeal allowed]

R v Catherine Bowden [appeal allowed] reported at [1998]2 Cr. App. R(S)7

1998

R v Paul McCann

R v Oxford Crown Court ex parte Monaghan [judicial review of Crown Court sentence on committal for sentence successful] reported at CLW/99/25/11, 149 N.L.J., The Independent(C.S.)July 12,1999

1999

R v Nicholas Hayes [appeal allowed]

2000

R v Jason Sunderland

R v Rendell Hoyle

R v James Turner [appeal allowed]

R v Steven Zerafa

R v Russell Andrews reported at [2001] Crim L.R.316

2001

R v Gary Fannan

R v Patrick Campbell[appeal allowed] reported at [2001]2 Cr. App.R.(S)

R v Martin Rogers [appeal allowed]

R v Barry Mitchell

R v Paul Stanislaus [appeal allowed]

2002

R v Nicholas Steele [appeal allowed although single Judge Gage J had refused leave]

R v Nicole Sharpe [appeal allowed]

2003

R v Clay French

2004

R v Tashkin Mehmedagi

R v Anthony Charles [leave granted by Jack J but appeal dismissed]



R v Paul Hilton [leave granted by Simon J but appeal dismissed]

R v Iain Banks [appeal allowed]

R v William Kemoh

R v Thomas Tobin [appeal allowed]

2005

R v John Burton [appeal allowed] reported on lawtel LTL 7/2/2005 (unreported elsewhere)

M v Isleworth Crown Court and HMCE [appears in Arch 3-186 re JR of refusal of Cr Ct bail]

R v Teddy Simpson

R v Richard Matthews [appeal allowed]

R v Terence Marsh [appeal allowed: original counsel advised against appeal]

R v Julian Marcar [appeal allowed although single judge Smith J had refused leave]

2006

R v Grant Bernasconi [leave granted by Cox J but appeal dismissed] Referred to in Professor Spencer's book "Evidence of Bad Character Third Edition" at 4.73, 4.13

2007

R v Jonshan Arokkiyathas [appeal allowed although single judge Grigson J had refused leave; co-deft did not appeal against sentence upon counsel's advice although in identical position on the facts]

2008

R v Peter Deal [appeal allowed]

R v Alexander Wood

R v Paulette Johnston

R v Judith Mclellan

2009

R v Brian Armstrong and Aaron Armstrong [appeal against conviction allowed]

R v Christopher Armstrong [appeal allowed]

R v Zaheer Rasul [appeal allowed]

R v Cassius Trotman-Wilson [appeal allowed]

R v Mahad Adan [appeal against sentence but not conviction allowed]

2010

R v Patricia Daley [appeal allowed]

R v Jamie Bunter

R v Kevin Umezie CA

R v Kevin Umezie Costs Judge Master Rogers [taxation appeal allowed on point of principle] reported at [2010] 1 Costs L.R. 93; Arch 7-165

2011

R v Donitas Slicys



R v Connor Cambridge
R v Chris Francis [appeal allowed]
R v H & Oths
R v Gary Bromige [2011] 1 Costs L.R. 145 Arch Appendix G-179.

2012

R v Michael Chinn reported at [2012] All ER(D)130(Mar)

2013

R v Myles Joseph-Daay
R v Darius Augunas [appeal against conviction allowed] reported at [2014] 1 Cr. App. R 17
R v Shajah Hussein Costs Judge Master Simons [taxation appeal allowed on point of principle] SCCO Ref 217/13
R v Nesrim Coskum Costs Judge Master Campbell [taxation appeal allowed] SCCO Ref 291/12
R v John Alexander

2014

R v Jerolle Lawrence
R v Ireneusz Blaszczyk [leave granted by Keith J but appeal dismissed]
R v Petrica Gheorge, Adrian Regalie and Paul Cuza [appeal allowed]
R v Franklin White [leave granted by Henriques J but appeal dismissed]
R v Colin O'Brien [appeal allowed]
R v Gary Reed Costs Judge Master Campbell SCCO Ref 82/14
R v Marian Racman [leave granted by Blake J but appeal dismissed] reported at [2015] 1 Cr. App. R.(S)18
R v Marvin Saunders

2015

R v Zygmunt Kurowski
R v John Scott [leave granted by Edis J but appeal dismissed]
R v William Stanley [leave granted by Dove J but appeal dismissed]
R v Patryk Zdun
Reading Borough Council v Younis - Queen's Bench Division (Administrative Court)
R v Marcin Kostrzewa [appeal allowed]
R v Mohammed Sabbhir Ahmed

2016

R v Bryce Hanson
R v Tomasz Krukowski

2017



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Lord Chancellor v Edward Hayes and Nick Wrack Davies J [Lord Chancellor's taxation appeal successfully opposed] [2017] EWHC 138 (QB)

R v Cran Mensa Master Simons [taxation appeal allowed]

Lord Chancellor v SVS Solicitors Holroyde J and Master Rowley [Lord Chancellor's appeal successfully opposed and extensive guidance given on calculation of the number of pages of prosecution evidence] [2017] EWHC 1045

2019

R v Lena Kezelyte Costs Judge Master Rowley [taxation appeal allowed relating to wasted preparation] SCCO Ref 199/18

2023

R v Hassan Mohammed [appeal allowed]

2024

R v Dondrea Thomas

R v Narinder Kaur

Faisal Syed v Croydon Crown Court and Crown Prosecution Service [judicial review of a Crown Court dismissal of an appeal against conviction]

R v Elis Hoti and Yleber Hoti

R v Craig Tilser

Ashcotts Solicitors v The Lord Chancellor (R v Jamadar) Costs Judge Master Brown [2024] EWHC 1979 (SCCO)