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Appointments

- Recorder (2009)
- Fee-paid judge of the First-Tier Tribunal Health Education and Social Care Chamber (Mental Health)
- Restricted Patients Panel 2018

Memberships

- Health and Safety Lawyers Association
- Criminal Bar Association

Criminal CV

Overview

Jason is a highly experienced criminal and regulatory barrister with over 27 years of experience at the Bar.

The vast majority of Jason's criminal practice involves serious, complex and paper heavy cases. He has been instructed for the defence by private practice solicitors throughout the North of England in respect of all aspects of criminal work, but in particular fraud. Such prosecutions have been commenced by the SFO, DTI, CPS, ARA and Trading Standards.

Jason is often instructed as leading counsel in matters lasting from a fortnight to four months. In addition to instructions being received from private practice solicitors, he has represented defendants who are member/employees of the Police Federation, Prison Officers Association, The Post Office, The Pharmacists Society, various insurance companies, Trade Unions and Healthcare providers.

He is fully IT proficient and utilises the most up-to-date technology, in particular Casemap, which provides greater efficiency in searching large amounts of documentation.

Recommendations

Ranked Band 2 for Financial Crime- The Regions
Chambers and Parters 2023

Ranked Tier 2 for Professional Disciplinary Law
The Legal 500 2023

“A very focused, forensic advocate.” “He is down to earth, accessible and always has command of the details.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“Jason is a strong advocate who has clear expertise in this field.” “Jason is a strong advocate who gives robust advice to clients. Clients readily identify Jason’s experience which shines through.”

The Legal 500 2022

“He is bright and has a nice, light touch.” “He is a really safe pair of hands.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“He adopts a no-nonsense style and approach with clients, who respect him for it. He is a highly competent advocate and cross examination is left safely in his hands.”

“He can deal with the closest details and still be extremely jury and client-friendly.”

The Legal 500 2021

“Jason is a safe pair of hands and he gets very good results. He’s extremely competent and a good advocate.” “His knowledge and experience are evident.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“Recent work includes large-scale VAT fraud cash-for-crash schemes and other financial crime.”

The Legal 500 2020

“Very experienced and a very safe pair of hands.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“Jason is great at dealing with difficult clients and at carefully managing their expectations.” “He is a very concise, understandable and to-the-point advocate.”

“Very down-to-earth, sensible and has good judgement.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“A great choice for regulatory instructions within Manchester. He’s very able, very popular with clients, and nothing is too much trouble.” “He used to prosecute for the GMC so he has a lot of experience. He knows the GMC procedures inside out and is an excellent

choice for any work in this area.” “Hard-hitting. At ease in any tribunal.”

Chambers and Partners 2016

“Over the past five years I have instructed Jason MacAdam on a large number of fitness to practise cases before various regulatory bodies including the GMC and HCPC. He is both highly capable and a pleasure to work with. Jason can be relied upon to provide prompt, thorough and pragmatic advice in even the most complex cases and he is an impressive advocate before both Courts and Tribunals. Overall, he is my first choice for healthcare regulatory instructions.”

Andrea James, (George Davies LLP)

“Jason is a top drawer professional disciplinary barrister, who obtains excellent results for clients. He is hard working and has the ability to quickly assimilate considerable amounts of complex documentation. His advocacy style is impressive and he can be relied upon to provide clear and robust advice to clients. I work with Jason on a regular basis and have no hesitation in recommending him.”

Marie Dancer (Partner, Richard Nelson LLP)

Cases

R v H. Leicester Crown Court – 2021 ongoing. Fraud by employee – £250K.

R v T. Leeds Crown Court – 2021 ongoing. HMRC fraud £150K

R v AR. Preston Crown Court – 2021 ongoing. Multi handed drug conspiracy.

R v K. Manchester Crown Court – 2021 ongoing. Multi handed drug conspiracy.

R v H. Bradford Crown court – 2019-21. Multi handed drug conspiracy.

CL v B. 2020 – Concluded. Fraudulent activity by lending institution. Advice led defendant to settle out of court.

Manchester Civil Justice Centre – June 2018. Successfully defeated household name insurance company’s attempt to obtain High Court Judge’s permission to commit for criminal contempt.

R v A. Preston Crown Court – May 2018. After a 3 day trial the Crown prior to closing its case accepted that the Crown’s witnesses account of being intimidated by the defendant, who had previously pleaded guilty in separate proceedings to kidnapping the victim was credible.

R v SE. Derby Crown Court – Jan-Feb 2018. Successfully defended nurse accused of conspiring to defraud insurance company in cash for crash conspiracy. 6 week trial

prosecuted by senior and junior counsel.

R v Ian Cunningham. Minshall Street Crown Court – Sept-Oct 2017. Successfully defended man alleged with 2 others to have committed an armed robbery of a Co-op travel agents in Glossop.

Defended a Judicial review of Circuit Judges decision under the Police Property Act to return seized property to defendant.

Acted for liquidator in 5 day POCA hearing, appointment of a management receiver.

R v Alp. 2 week plus trial. Conspiracy to defraud. Defendant financial director accused of embezzling employer, Leeds city council. Vey paper heavy included 2 year council investigation and disciplinary hearing.

R v Ian Cunningham. 6 week trial armed robbery. 10,000 + pages. DNA attribution and cell siting issues. Defendant acquitted.

R v Susan Elliott. 8 week conspiracy to defraud insurance companies. 10,000 + pages. Defendant acquitted.

R v Hanley Firearms offences. Trial. Cell siting evidence. Defendant acquitted.

R v Gucel. Historic familial sex offences. Defendant acquitted.

Jason as leading counsel is currently representing a property developer accused of a multi-million pound conspiracy to defraud/laundry the proceeds of crime. This is an enormous case with many co-accused and in total approximately 70,000 pages of evidence.

DBIS prosecution. Jason is currently representing a retired director accused of aiding and abetting a disqualified person to manage a company.

R v Kansal. Bradford Crown Court - Junior Counsel representing chemist charged with defrauding the Prescriptions Agency.

R v Pearson. Sheffield Crown Court - Leading Counsel defending a police officer charged with various dishonesty and firearm charges.

R v Larvin. Sheffield Crown Court - Junior Counsel defending. Defendant charged with unlawful disposal of a body. Month long case.

Christopher Alder Inquest. Hull Coroner's Court - Representing a police officer during longest running single death coroner's inquest in English legal history. Case proceeded to the High Court where the verdict of unlawful killing was challenged by way of Judicial Review procedure.

Operation Surrender. Sheffield Crown Court - Leading Counsel representing a police officer charged with false accounting matters arising from the compensation scheme pursuant to the Firearms Act 1997, created as a result of the Dunblane incident. Defendant acquitted at half time stage after 11 weeks.

DTI v Horner. Teeside Crown Court - Leading Counsel defending finance director of a company. Prosecuted by the DTI. Defendant acquitted at half time stage after 6 weeks.

R v Blakey. Teeside Crown Court - Junior Counsel representing police officer charged with manslaughter. Defendant acquitted at half time stage after 12 weeks.

R v Feecamp. Leeds Crown Court - Leading Counsel. Conspiracy to defraud. Defendant acquitted upon abuse of process point.

R v Mullan. Leicester Crown Court - Leading Counsel. National Crime Unit case. People smuggling case.

R v Gajra. Birmingham Crown Court - Leading Counsel. People smuggling case.

R v Parker. Derby Crown Court - Leading Counsel. Long firm fraud.

R v Amin. Maidstone Crown Court - Leading Counsel. International £16 million cigarette diversion fraud.

R v Lee. Sheffield Crown Court - Leading Counsel. Conspiracy to import counterfeit goods.

R v Patrice. Bradford Crown Court - Leading Counsel. Drugs case. 1 month time estimate.

R v Straughan. Leeds Crown Court - Leading Counsel. SFO matter. Conspiracy to defraud £90 million.

R v Clephane. Sheffield Crown Court - Leading Counsel. H & S prosecution by the CPS. Represented manager of a care home. Listed for 4-5 month trial. Successful abuse of process application.

Martin Middleton Inquest. Death in custody inquest, representing custody sergeant. Leeds Coroner's Court.

Mark Camm Inquest. Death in custody Inquest, representing numerous police officers. 7 week case. Wakefield Coroner's Court.

SAQIB RAZZAQ. Liverpool Crown Court - Junior Counsel. Kidnap and credit card fraud offences.

John Williams v The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Privy Council Appeal No 928 2007

GMC v Professor Rolf: Orthopaedic surgeon. Misconduct and DPP 4 week FTP hearing.

GMC v Dr Ondire: Misconduct and DPP 3 week FTP hearing.

Dr Maini: Cosmetic surgeon. Misconduct and DPP 2 week FTP hearing.

Dr Haynes: Orthopaedic surgeon Misconduct and DPP FTP hearing.

Dr Uk Pong Dan: FME Misconduct and DPP 3 week FTP hearing.

Dr Omerod: FME DPP 1 week FTP hearing.

The Queen (On the Application of Thomas Beard) v Preston Crown Court & The Secretary of State for Justice 2012 EWHC 2034 (Admin) Judicial review. Rolled up application. Challenge to the extension by the Court of the defendant's custody time limits.