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Criminal CV

Overview

Frida Hussain QC is instructed in private fee and legal aid cases. She is known for her professionalism, dedication and hardworking approach with particular attention to detail. She is determined, robust and well respected by the judiciary, colleagues, professional and lay clients.

She specialises in high profile criminal defence cases involving single and multi-handed allegations of murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, terrorism, drugs, sexual offences, fraud and other serious organised crime. These cases engage complex issues such as conspiracy, joint enterprise, gang membership and often involve vulnerable individuals.

She is instructed to defend in many of the country's most serious high profile terrorism trials and is regularly instructed in this field. She has a cultural understanding and knowledge of theological issues that are often at the core of such cases.

She defended in the 'London Bombing 21/7' trial that involved a conspiracy to murder passengers on London transport by detonating bombs. She also defended in the 'aeroplane bomb plot' trial. This involved a conspiracy to commit mass murder of passengers by detonating liquid bombs onboard transatlantic flights and was described as the most grave and wicked conspiracy in Britain. She has defended in ISIS inspired conspiracies to murder and many cases involving the preparation for acts of terrorism.

She successfully defended in UK's first ever prosecution of parents charged with female genital mutilation. This was based on evidence from a 3 year old child and involved complex medical and anthropological expert opinion. She also defended in the first prosecution under the Terrorism Act of offences relating to the setting up and attendance at UK terrorist training camps.

Her practice takes her nationwide and in particular across London and in the North of England. She appears in courts at all levels and is multilingual as a fluent speaker of Urdu, Punjabi and Hindi.

She lectures on topical criminal law issues and provides advice in respect of interlocutory and pre-charge matters, including applications for warrants of further detention. She is an approved Inner Temple advocacy trainer. As a member of the Bar International Relations committee she taught advocacy skills to barristers from foreign jurisdictions.

She is an Inner Temple Scholarship Committee panel member and was awarded the Pegasus Scholarship earlier in her career, to gain experience working in the Australian criminal justice system.

Cases

Examples Of Notable Cases

Homicide

'Operation Vivace' – ‘London bombing’ Mohammed and four others charged with conspiring to murder passengers by detonating bombs on London transport and conspiracy to cause explosions in the wake of 7/7.

'Operation Overt' – ‘Transatlantic Airline Liquid Bomb Plot’ Sarwar and seven others charged with conspiracy to cause mass murder using liquid bombs to blow up planes bound for America.

'Operation Overamp' – ‘Al Qaeda Terrorist Training Camp’ -- DaCosta and five others charged with inciting murder and receiving terrorist training.

R v Shahjahan – Charged with a plan to kill by bombing the London Stock Exchange, Parliament and the US Embassy, with eight others from terrorist cells in Stoke on Trent, Cardiff and London.

'Operation Panderwick' – Ali and two others charged with the torture and murder of a woman, burning her body and abandoning it in local woodland.

R v Juma – Male charged with murder of his girlfriend when a volatile relationship culminated in a loss of control leading to her strangulation and disposing of her body in the canal.

'Operation Penthouse' – Khan and three others charged with murder in a drive by shooting.

R v Iqbal – Male charged with the murder of his wife.

'Operation Pairglen' – Hussain and three others charged with attempting to murder a mother and 3 children by setting fire to their home as they slept, due to a business rivalry.

'Operation Quartz' – Juvenile charged with attempting to murder a drug dealer in the course of a feud between rival gangs.

R v Khan – Delivery driver charged with planning to behead military personnel, emulating the murder of Fusilier Lee Rigby using a “Jihadi John” combat styled knife.

R v Ahmad – Male charged with the attempted murder of his best friend.

'Operation Amberstone' – Juvenile charged with murder of a drug dealer.

R v Tarasov – Male and two others charged with Manslaughter of a fellow resident who died after jumping out of a window, fleeing an attack.

'Operation Morpheous' – Kudus and one other charged with gross negligence manslaughter having supplied a nut contaminated meal to a child who died from a nut allergy reaction.

R v Crawshaw – Male charged with manslaughter having caused the death of a man he punched in the street.

R v Ahmet & others – Male member of London Muslim extremist group charged with incitement to murder.

'Operation Cowlick' – Juvenile charged with making an explosive intending to endanger life, inspired by right wing extremism and aspiring to carry out a 'columbine' type school shooting.

R v George – Woman charged with causing death by dangerous driving and perverting the course of justice, having caused a vehicle pile up on the motorway while using a mobile phone.

'Operation Pilotgrove' – Richardson charged with causing the death of a cyclist he rammed into and drove over before fleeing the scene.

R v Craig – Male charged with causing the death of driver in head on collision through dangerous driving.

R v BP – Juvenile charged with double murder and 2 counts of S18 wounding. Motivated by a 'post code war'. Having been tipped off, members of a gang armed with machetes ambushed a private house party and massacred rival gang members.

Terrorism

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'Operation Daystreak' – Thomas and eight others charged with being a member of the proscribed organisation 'National Action', linked to the murder of MP Jo Cox.

'Operation Cowlick' – Juvenile charged with making an explosive intending to endanger life, inspired by right wing extremism and aspiring to carry out a 'columbine' type school shooting.

'Operation Polemoscope' – Majid a CCTV operative charged with dissemination of terrorist material and funding terrorism as chief propagandist for Islamic State.

R v Khan – Female charged with assisting her husband to commit acts of terrorism by carrying out a suicide mission in Syria, as revenge for the US killing her brother in an air strike.

'Operation Kitab' – Taj – Male charged with being recruited by ISIS supporters and preparing to commit acts of terrorism by travelling to Syria and carrying out a suicide bombing mission.

R v Khan – Female charged with funding the terrorist activities of her Jihadi boyfriend fighting with ISIS in Syria.

'Operation Yawler' – Female (Boufassil) charged with collecting funds for Islamic state militants including those linked to the Brussels Airport bombing killing 320 people.

'Operation Nostology' – Hussain – Male charged with encouraging terrorism, distributing terrorist publications and viable bomb making instructions.

R v Ahmed – Male charged with dissemination of material useful to terrorists.

R v Baqa – Male charged with collecting a catalogue of terrorist literature and national dissemination.

R v Maher – Male charged with preparing to commit an act of terrorism in travelling to join his friends at a training camp for terrorists in Syria.

R v Khan – Female charged with failing to comply with terrorism notification requirements.

Sexual Offences

'Operation Bullfinch' – Karar and 8 others charged with historic rape and grooming of vulnerable girls as part of a sexual abuse ring in Oxford between 1998 and 2012.

'Operation Tendersea' 1 – Aslam and nine others charged with historic rape, grooming and sexual exploitation of young girls in Huddersfield between 2004 and 2011.

'Operation Tendersea' 2 – Arif and eight others charged with historic rape, grooming and sexual exploitation of vulnerable girls in Huddersfield.

'Operation Tendersea' 4 – Ibrar and three others charged with historic rape, grooming and

sexual exploitation of young girls in Bradford and Halifax.

'Operation Harehills' – Ali and six others charged with historic rape, grooming and sexual exploitation of young girls in Bradford.

'Operation Kellerabby' – Ali and 14 others charged with rape and sexual exploitation of vulnerable girls by drug dealing gangs in Huddersfield.

R v Haq – Male and two others charged with rape and sexual assault of vulnerable girls with learning disability.

R v MI – Male and 15 others charged with historic rape, grooming and sexual exploitation of vulnerable girls in the North of England.

R v Abbas – Male and 14 others charged with rape sexual exploitation of vulnerable girls in Greater Manchester.

Fraud, Bribery & Corruption

'Operation Berg-Meeker' – Hannan and ten others charged in connection with a multimillion pound fraud involving immigration advisors manipulating employee details to receive UK visas from the Home Office.

'Operation News' – Bilal and four others charged with conspiracy to defraud by arranging for fluent English speakers to sit exams on behalf of foreign nationals to support Visa applications.

R v Boukadir – Multi million pound conspiracy to defraud banks and other financial institutions alleged to fund Middle East terrorist organisations.

'Operation Surging' – M and twenty three others charged with conspiracy to convert criminal property by laundering over £25 million through a network of shell companies.

'Operation Savage' – B and four others charged with fraudulent evasion of VAT and other tax liabilities owed by companies supplying modular buildings to the construction industry.

R v Joynson – Charged with fraud involving the Dean of the Faculty of Education at Edge Hill University, who over years authorised dishonest invoice claims for teaching services.

Drugs & Proceeds of Crime

'Operation Moselle' – Hussain and five others charged as part of an organised crime group supplying over 20 kilograms of 97% purity Cocaine in the North West of England.

'Operation Argent' – Bulbul and fourteen others charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs from the north of England to the Midlands by an organised crime group.

'Operation Sparegill' – Ayaz and seventeen others charged with conspiracy to supply drugs valued up to £10 million across the streets of West Yorkshire over the course of a year.

R v Atif Ali – Conspiracy to supply class A drugs in Lancashire, Devon and Cornwall, North Wales and Manchester. Over 100 people charged, firearms, ammunition and large amounts of cash seized.

R v MJ – Charged with conspiracy to conceal £34 million criminal property deposited into bank accounts and then transferred overseas by money transfer businesses.

R v Salian – Female and four others charged with laundering £3.1 million cash through company bank accounts and then transferred out of the jurisdiction by currency dealers.

'Operation Cannan' – Babar charged with concealing criminal property acquired by her husband and a banking employee who stole hundreds of thousands of pounds from customer accounts.

'Operation Tavern' – Parveen and nine others charged with concealing criminal property, gold ingots and substantial cash channelled through bank accounts, derived from a family drugs supply enterprise.

Serious Organised Crime

R v Akmal – Male and four others charged with possession of a firearm and ammunition with intent to endanger life, having fired a shot at a rival gang member in his car with a child.

R v IS – The first ever prosecution in the UK of a father charged with performing female genital mutilation on a 3year old child, motivated by witchcraft.

R v Nixon-Boucher – Male charged with conspiracy to supply firearms - 11 Makarov-type self-loading pistols with silencers and a Russian AKS-74U assault rifle, with cartridges.

R v Weiner – Male charged with perverting the course of justice in setting up a school caretaker by concealing child pornography on his computer.

R v Miah – Firearms, public order and serious assault charges concerning two days of unrest between feuding factions of a local Bengali community.

R v Sadiq – Male and 14 others charged with violent disorder in Dewsbury, running over a man, causing life threatening injuries and permanent disability.

R v Murray – Charged with conspiracy to rob, targeting wealthy London residents, stealing jewellery and high value vehicles to the value of several million pounds.

R v Karia – Hospital security guard charged with Arson with intent to endanger life by setting a major basement fire leading to hospital evacuation and several million pounds damage.

R v C – Trafficking vulnerable men from Eastern Europe used as forced labour in the UK construction industry.

R v Harris – Woman charged with causing injury to a baby by shaking, involving complex medical issues as to causation.

R v M – Male charged with deliberately inflicting serious injury to his six month old baby by shaking.

R v Knox – Charged with breaching a United Nations Sanctions order.

R v Neville – Male charged with attempting to seriously harm his wife by dowsing her in petrol and setting her on fire.

R v Lodi & Others – Charged with stealing thousands of pounds in armed robberies at major high street supermarkets with the use of firearms and enrolling staff members.