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Vast experience, exceptional personal rapport with clients, meticulous preparation combined with razor sharp court room presentation.

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Simon is a Vulnerable Witness Bar Lecturer and facilitator. He undertakes training and assessment of barristers for them to be qualified to undertake major trials involving particularly vulnerable witnesses in the criminal justice system. The training involves facilitating barristers in how to cross-examine very young children, those with learning difficulties and traumatised complainants in grave sexual offences and to understand and utilise the tools available to the criminal bar.

Expertise

Crime

A wealth of experience covering all areas of criminal defence work. From complex missing-trader frauds through

to gang related murder. Hitmen to poisoners, professional fraudsters to election rigging. His practice is wide-reaching and involves complex evidence.

Simon has been instructed in numerous sensitive rape, and sexual assault trials involving vulnerable witnesses both complainants and defendants. He has also developed a specialist knowledge of human trafficking cases, involving all forms, from refugees in lorries to young women brought to the UK for the sex industry and then traded as assets by the gang masters. He has an unparalleled breadth of experience in the field.

His experience also extends to countless drug conspiracies, importations, kidnap, and blackmail cases both as leading and junior counsel.

Notable Crime cases

R v Shiek [2019] Birmingham Crown Court

Firearms. Kidnap of opposing gang member. Torture and blackmail.

R v Musa [2019] Woolwich Crown Court

Attempted murder. Gangland shooting. Possession of firearms. OCG.

R v Roberts [2019] Wood Green Crown Court

Tube train stalker. Attacked and assaulted multiple women having followed them home. Acquitted.

R v Cripps [2017/8] 3 re-trials Maidstone Crown Court

Finally acquitted of attempted murder, robbery, possession of firearms. Forensic attack on the work of the forensic material and on going disclosure leading to the Crown finally offering no evidence.

R v Ward [2017] Shrewsbury Crown Court

Historic allegations of rape and abuse of extended family going back over 30 years. Acquitted.

R v Brown [2016] Central Criminal Court

Leading counsel in double attempted murder. Gang shooting.

R v Mehmet [2016/2018] Blackfriars Crown Court

Unique case where in the first trial of forced arranged marriage, rape and torture the Judge ordered the

indictment to “lie on the file not to be proceeded without leave of the Crown Court or Court of Appeal”. Prosecution re-opened the trial after the complainant was discharged from mental health hospital and leave was granted to proceed with second trial. Acquitted of all counts.

Business Crime & Fraud

Simon is experienced in all types of white-collar crime cases, featuring complex financial and accounting transactions. He is regularly instructed on cases involving a missing-trader, long-firm, boiler room fraud and, insider-trading.

His eye for detail and forensic approach to these cases often makes him an obvious choice for instructing solicitors.

Notable Business Crime & Fraud cases

R v Doda [2019] Canterbury Crown Court

International money laundering centred around Greek Albanian drug gang. Hundreds of thousands of pounds removed from the jurisdiction by team of mules coordinated by Doda.

R V Howard [2017] Nottingham Crown Court

Leading counsel instructed to represent City of London director of listed company syphoning funds from PLC and financing excise fraud.

R v Palmer [2017] Blackfriars Crown Court

Leading counsel in 20-year fraud committed by businessman and his wife involving mortgage frauds, credit frauds, shadow directorships amounting to millions of pounds loss.

R v Ahmed [2016] Reading Crown Court

Leading counsel instructed in multi-handed, sophisticated and highly organised election fraud in Slough. Election results over-turned. Acquitted of personation counts.

R v Scott [2016] Truro Crown Court

Multi-million pound “boiler room” fraud. City of London trader set up large scale fake investment products and then targeted the elderly and vulnerable throughout Cornwall from his base in Essex. Recruited large team who

exploited his cyber skills to fleece victims.

As well as the above examples Simon has been instructed in money laundering, HMRC/VAT and cyber fraud cases as leading and junior counsel.

Education

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