

Earl Pinnock

Call: 2003



Earl Pinnock has an impressive practice that has attracted instructions from solicitors up and down the country. He operates from No5's Birmingham and London offices.

His practice centres on cases involving the most serious criminal allegations – including homicide, rape and serious sexual offences, s18 GBH, non accidental injury (children), organised and complex crime involving drug trafficking/ human trafficking, serious public disorder. He has a mixed practice, defending and prosecuting in equal measure.

He routinely appears in high profile cases either alone, leading or led. Notable recent defence cases include: the contract killing of a Syrian Cleric at a west London mosque, a husband accused of suffocating his wife the defence contention being that she had been possessed by a Jinn spirit, the attempted murder by shooting of two police officers acting under surveillance, a police officer accused of a double rape; 5 attempted murders by drive by shooting at a funeral wake; the Tamara Eccleston burglary – reputedly Britain's largest burglary conspiracy (by value).

He has prosecuted multiple murders including the point blank shotgun killing of an estranged partner in front of her daughter, the killing by hammer attack of a client by her builder; the 6 defendant murder of a good samaritan punched and kicked to death after he sought to protect a victim of the gang. He has prosecuted a number of complex drugs conspiracies and gang related crime orchestrated by organised crime groups.

Earl has the common touch. He has the happy knack of being able to connect and establish rapport with diverse personalities from a range of backgrounds. His client handling skills are exceptional. Vulnerable clients appreciate his sensitivity. Demanding clients respect his strength. All welcome the rigorous attention he gives to their cases. He has long been the counsel of choice for clients that are hard to handle. He is particularly experienced in understanding the uses of psychological evidence and how to deploy it to assist his cases.

Earl regularly wins the confidence of juries both in case presentation, cross examination and speeches. In particularly onerous cases where the closing speech may be pivotal, he has gained a reputation for being highly persuasive.

Earl is fluent in Jamaican patois.

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Expertise

Crime

Earl is fully trained in dealing with RASSO cases (rape and serious sexual offending). He is regularly presents or challenges cell site evidence, forensic evidence, medical evidence vulnerable witnesses, expert witnesses.

He regularly prosecutes Venetic cases.

He is experienced in arguing cases in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

Accreditations

- Birmingham Law Society Barrister of the Year 2022
- Keele University 75th anniversary – featured as one of 75 named Keele Graduates to mark the anniversary

Qualifications

- B.A Law and American Studies (Joint Honours) 2:1

Languages

- Jamaican patois (fluent)

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