

# 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

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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.

### Notable Cases

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#### R v Connors 2024 Wolverhampton Crown Court

car used as murder weapon

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#### R v Norgrove 2024 Wolverhampton Crown Court

Jehovahs Witness builder falls out with his Kingdom Hall sister over delays in completing her side extension. He murders her in vicious hammer attack in her home AG referenced

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#### R v Timmins 2023 Birmingham Crown Court

Only defendant acquitted in multi handed drug conspiracy

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#### R v Poulton and others 2023 Birmingham Crown Court

Complex case work unit class A drugs conspiracy

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#### R v Pugh and De Fazio 2023 Birmingham Crown Court

murder of taxi driver

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#### R v Thomas 2023 Chester Crown Court

attempted murder

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**R v Alcock and Taperek 2023**

non accidental injuries (baby) s18 GBH

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**R v Darbyshire 2021 and 2023 Worcester Crown Court**

Policeman accused of double rape, retrial

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**R v Black 2022 Birmingham Crown Court**

Caribbean Bishop accused of being part of plot multi handed Caribbean drug importation conspiracy.

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**R v Grandison and others 2022 Birmingham Crown Court**

complex case work unit drugs conspiracy

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**R v Askew and others 2022 Warwick Crown Court**

multi handed homophobic attack in Coventry city centre, s18 GBH

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**R v Mahood 2022 Birmingham Crown Court**

defendant and boyfriend in domestic hot water. She stabs him in heart. Acquitted of murder, guilty of manslaughter

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**R v X 2021, Bristol Crown Court**

s76 and s78 arguments lead to dismissal of attempted murder allegation

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**R v Gunningham 2021 Bristol Crown Court**

baby shaking s18 GBH

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**R v Rogers and others 2021 Birmingham Crown Court**

multi handed fratricide, brother hunted down and stabbed

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**B v Burke and others 2021 Wolverhampton Crown Court**

good Samaritan intervenes to end attack outside nightclub bar. Group turns on him kicking and punching him to death

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#### R v Garmson 2021 Birmingham Crown Court

fratricide, brothers have sudden argument in front of sole child witness [ nephew and son] Acquitted of murder guilty of manslaughter

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#### R v Trevor 2020 Stafford Crown Court

sexualised murder of teenage girl by college friend

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#### R v Hooper 2019 Birmingham Crown Court

defendant places trackers on wife's car, traces her to her front drive. Uses rifle to to shoot her at point blank range whilst her daughter is sat next to her. Claims trigger slipped - accident. Unsuccessful half attempts to kill himself by shooting. Face disfigured and unable to speak. Gives evidence by typing.

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#### R v Campbell 2019 Birmingham Crown Court

attempted murder by shooting of 2 undercover police officers

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#### R v Ghent 2018 Stoke Crown Court

Professional footballer accused of stalking

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#### R v Devalda 2016 Court of Appeal

Instructed to appeal kidnap and murder conviction at Liverpool Crown Court. single judge described case as "monumental"

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#### R v Cooper 2016 Old Bailey and Kingston Crown Court

Ex British army officer Cooper accused of assassinating leading Syrian cleric of West London mosque

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## 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

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## Qualifications

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