

Gul Nawaz Hussain KC

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Naz Hussain KC is a multi award winning barrister, who specialises in high-profile, complex, and serious criminal defence work. He also acts in sport disciplinary and regulatory matters.

A true jury advocate, the courtroom is where he thrives. Fighting for his clients, especially against the odds, is at the core of Naz's practice; he revels in it.

In a rape trial where the defendant had fled the country and was to be tried in his absence, Naz was instructed the night before trial. He had no instructions, no Defence Statement and his solicitors left court thinking a conviction was inevitable. The defence case rested entirely upon Naz's cross examination of the complainant and his closing speech. The verdict was a unanimous not guilty.

Naz has appeared in some of the most high-profile trials in the country alleging murder, terrorism, espionage, drug conspiracies, gang land violence, high value fraud, electoral fraud, and serious/historic sexual offences. Naz has represented high net worth individuals, successful businesspeople, professionals and celebrities from the Sporting, Entertainment and Music worlds.

Within his first 3 years of practice Naz was recognised as a leading barrister by Chambers UK and The Legal 500; he has consistently been ranked by them ever since. His exceptional ability and excellence in his chosen fields was officially acknowledged upon his appointment as Queen's (now King's) Counsel.

His skill before a jury is not at the expense of his legal submissions. Chambers UK has recognised his "ability to develop great novel arguments". In appellate work Naz has enjoyed significant success at the Court of Appeal, particularly when appealing convictions upon the notoriously difficult ground of "fresh evidence".

Naz has a particular expertise in terrorism trials. He has defended in cases generating national and international interest. He represented, amongst others, the alleged fifth bomber in the 21/7 attempted terrorist bombings in London, the mastermind behind the "Bank of Terror" fraud that allegedly used £1 million to fund extremists travelling to join ISIS and a man charged with the alleged attempted murder of convicted Serb war criminal Radislav Krstic.

Naz also has a remarkably successful sexual offences practice. He has secured acquittals in the most serious cases alleging multiple rapes, familial historic abuse and CSE.

Naz is one of only a handful of barristers to have defended in a case alleging electoral fraud during a General Election. He has successfully defended clients in multi-million-pound fraud trials ranging from vishing scams to those involving professionals.

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Naz's life experiences have impressed upon him the importance of standing up and speaking fearlessly for those who are unable or unwilling to do so themselves.

Naz is regularly invited to speak and comment upon topical legal issues by the media, universities, and large organisations. He regularly speaks to and advises grass roots, community, and protest/issue groups.

A lifelong martial artist, Naz's commitment, discipline, tactical acumen and fearlessness is brought to bear for his clients.

Naz maintains an active involvement in the competitive combat sports world. He regularly commentates at Muay Thai, K1 and MMA promotions. He also chairs the PBA's (Professional Boxing Association's) Adjudication Panel.

Expertise

Crime

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Most recently Naz represented the British soldier and prison escapee Daniel Khalife; the "lone wolf" extremist who intended to detonate a bomb in Leeds hospital and the 15 year old schoolboy who stabbed a fellow pupil to death at a Sheffield school.

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Awards



Accreditations

- 2025 Criminal Lawyer of the Year (Asian Legal Awards)
- 2024 Criminal Defence Barrister of the Year (UK Legal Awards SME)
- 2022 Best Hair at the Bar (Inaugural Legal Life & Style Awards)

Appointments

- Legally Qualified Chair – MPTS
- Chair, Adjudication Panel – Professional Boxing Association

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