

Seamran Sidhu

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Seamran Sidhu has built up a successful and busy criminal practice.

She is instructed to defend in cases nationwide and has extensive trial experience, well beyond her year of call. Her instructions range from cases concerning international drugs conspiracies, as well as matters of large-scale frauds, violence and serious sexual offences. She is regularly instructed to represent clients in Proceeds of Crime hearings. She has also represented Appellants in the Court of Appeal.

Seamran is instructed as Junior Counsel alone but also works effectively as Led junior to well-regarded Kings Counsel.

Seamran has quickly built up a solid and trusted reputation amongst solicitors. Her strength lies in her approachable and realistic manner. She communicates well with her lay clients and is committed to ensuring her clients' expectations are fairly managed from the outset.

Seamran maintains a high level of attention to detail when preparing her cases and is skilled in conducting thorough legal research and advising on matters of disclosure. Early identification of disclosure issues has resulted in positive outcomes for her clients.

Seamran is a Level 3 Prosecutor. She has experience of dealing with vulnerable and child witnesses. As a Led Junior, she has presented telephone / cell site and forensic / DNA evidence with the assistance of expert witnesses. She has also advised on matters concerning Legal Professional Privilege (LPP).

Seamran is licensed to accept Direct / Public Access instructions.

Outside of her court work, Seamran is an Accredited Mediator (Civil and Commercial).

Expertise

Crime

Seamran practices the following areas:

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Notable Cases

R v SF

Defendant charged with a Conspiracy to import class A drugs. The Prosecution case was based on circumstantial evidence. After a careful analysis of telecommunications data and financial statements, the Defendant was acquitted.

R v AH

Defendant charged with numerous counts of sexual abuse against his young step-daughter. The Prosecution case was significantly weakened after careful cross-examination and the Defendant was acquitted after a two- week Trial.

R v FB (and others)

Led Junior in a Prosecution case involving multiple Defendants charged with a conspiracy to supply class A drugs. The Prosecution secured convictions of all those charged.

R v ND

The Defendant was charged on a 6-count Indictment involving Possession of Firearms and Class A drugs. The Defendant was acquitted on 3 counts which ultimately led to a reduced sentence.

R v PO

Led Junior in a Prosecution case involving a stabbing in a domestic context.

R v US

Led Junior representing a Defendant charged with Attempted Murder, involving the discharge of a firearm at close range.

R v RC

Defendant charged with a Conspiracy to convey List A articles into prison. The Defendant was the only Accused acquitted following a trial.

R v RH

Defendant charged with Firearm and Drug offences.

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R v HH

The Defendant was charged alone on a 9-count Indictment involving the supply of class A drugs, human trafficking and exploitation. A submission of no case to answer was mounted at the end of the Prosecution case.

Rv K

The Defendant was acquitted following a trial involving historic sexual allegations brought against him by a family member.

R v ML

The Defendant faced Assault and Driving charges. During the trial, Application was made to exclude Identification evidence. After legal arguments were heard, the Prosecution offered no evidence against the Defendant and Not Guilty verdicts were entered.

R v HS

Successfully represented a Defendant in confiscation proceedings where the benefit figure amounted to £9.7 million.

Drugs

Seamran has a proven track record of success in cases concerning drugs conspiracies to import and supply class A drugs. These cases often involve associated money laundering charges and rely heavily on telephone and financial evidence. Seamran's strength lies in meticulously reviewing the material and presenting it in a clear and concise manner.

Seamran has represented Defendants who are thought to be victims of modern-day slavery or human trafficking. She represented a 21-year-old Defendant charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs and Arranging/Facilitating the travel of a 14 year old boy with a view to exploiting him. The Defendant himself was thought to be the victim of modern slavery. After legal arguments surrounding disclosure, the case was reviewed, and the charges dropped.

Firearms / Violence

Seamran acted as a Led Junior in a case where the Defendant was jointly charged on the Indictment with Attempted Murder and Possession of a Firearm. The case attracted media attention as the parties involved were a part of a local notorious gang. The Prosecution relied upon cell site and EMS data to link the Defendant to the vehicle used in the commission of the shooting. Careful cross-examination of experts was crucial during the Trial.

Instructed by the Prosecution as a Led Junior in a Murder Trial. Case preparation involved analysing electronic communications between the Defendant, his associates and the Deceased.

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RASSO (Rape & Serious Sexual Offences)

Seamran was amongst the first to conduct a section 28 pre-recorded cross-examination hearing. Since then, she has extensive experience in defending in RASSO cases and is often instructed on a private-paying basis to represent clients all over the country.

Money Laundering / Fraud

Seamran has received instructions to defend in million-pound Mortgage frauds, Money-Laundering cases involving 'sham' companies and 'Cash for Crash' type frauds.

Accreditations

- Accredited Mediator (Civil and Commercial)
- Level 3 Prosecutor

Qualifications

- Accredited Mediator (Civil and Commercial) – ADR Group
- BPTC – BPP Law School, Holborn
- LLB (Hons) – King's College London

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