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PROFILE

Manoj is the managing partner of Lloyds PR Solicitors and has strategic oversight of the firm's proceedings at all levels. He was described in the Legal 500 as having a "first class legal brain".

Manoj's background is in serious crime, having practised in Criminal Defence at the independent bar from a well-known Chambers in the Temple. He was called to the bar in 2001 and then moved to Lloyds PR Solicitors in May 2009, before becoming partner the following year. While at the Bar, his cases clarified the law on the admissibility of social media evidence and the extent to which a student can change their course while on a student visa.

Manoj specializes in large, multi-faceted proceedings, particularly allegations of complex fraud, and has acted in high profile cases investigated and prosecuted domestically by the National Crime Agency, Serious Fraud Office, HM Revenue and Customs, the Financial Conduct Authority as well as international agencies including Interpol, the FBI and the US Secret Services. He is well versed in anti-money laundering regulations and policies.

In recent cases, Manoj applies his tenacious forensic approach to regulatory investigations and proceedings, including high-profile sports disciplinary matters.

Manoj has also advised the BBC in respect of the various stages of the criminal justice system and in particular, the admissibility of evidence.

NOTABLE CASES

WHITE COLLAR CRIME FRAUD, MONEY LAUNDERING AND REGULATORY WORK

• **Operation Lath, Croydon Crown Court**

A £44 million banking "Cyber Fraud", investigated by FBI and SOCA.

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- **R v SA, Kingston Crown Court**

A multi-million pound global conspiracy to distribute counterfeit pharmaceuticals. One of the largest MHRA prosecutions.

- **Operation Civilian, Southwark Crown Court**

A £137 million fraud investigated by HMRC and prosecuted by the CPS.

- **R v NG, Southwark Crown Court**

A "Boiler room" fraud, involving the dishonest sale of company shares to UK investors by an offshore brokerage. The extent of fraud was £4 million.

- **R v RS, Blackfriars Crown Court**

A multi-million pound "Cyber Fraud" carried out worldwide through notorious "Dark Market" website; a joint investigation by SOCA, FBI and US Secret Service.

- **Operation Veneer, Southwark Crown Court**

A £150 million fraud investigated and prosecuted by HMRC.

- **Operation Klister, St Albans Crown Court**

An 18-hand 'crash for cash' conspiracy. This fraud was valued at over £1 million.

- **Operation Falcon, Southwark Crown Court**

A 10-hand money laundering case with a value exceeding £12 Million.

- **Operation Salvage, Reading Crown Court**

A "crash for cash" case where the estimated value of the fraud exceeded £7.25 million.

- **Operation Appletree, Southwark Crown Court**

An evasion of excise duty for importation of tobacco for value of £2.5 million.

- **Operation Gwendreath, Southwark Crown Court**

A £12 million conspiracy to steal high value vehicles.

- **R v REK, Southwark Crown Court**

A £192 million money laundering through money-exchange bureau.

- **R v MA, Southwark Crown Court**

A £69 million money laundering through money-exchange bureau.

- **R v AG, Harrow Crown Court**

A fraud involving over a million pounds of counterfeit designer clothes.

- **HSE v "U Ltd"**

A prosecution by the Health and Safety Executive for unsafe working conditions against a reputable construction

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MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATION

- The Honourable Society of Middle Temple
- The General Council of the Bar (England and Wales)
- European Criminal Bar Association
- Association of Sri Lankan Lawyers in the UK

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