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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Prasad was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors In March 1996. Throughout his career, Prasad has specialised in criminal defence, working for a number of successful high-street practices before becoming a partner at Lloyds PR Solicitors in February of 2006. As partner Prasad heads up the magistrates' court department as well as being a supervisor for VHCC panel. He has been a court and police station duty solicitor for over ten years, described by Legal 500 as being a practitioner "who is particularly rated for his police station work."

Prasad is an experienced criminal litigator who also appears regularly for clients charged with serious offences at the police station and magistrates' stage, continuing to supervise the conduct of such cases as they progress through the higher courts.

Prasad has had conduct over a number of high profile investigations prosecuted by agencies such as the National Crime Agency ('NCA'), the Serious Fraud Office ('SFO'), HM Revenue and Customs ('HMRC'), the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') as well as the various branches of the Crown Prosecution Service.

Most recently Prasad has been consulted by and given advice to the BBC in respect of the various stages of the criminal justice system and in particular, the admissibility of evidence.

SLAVERY, PROSTITUTION, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND FACILITATION OFFENCE

Prasad has recently overseen a numerous modern slavery and trafficking cases, including Operation Kedah, an extensive conspiracy to keep women (trafficked from Romania) in prostitution, as well as Operation Cardinas, where he secured an acquittal for his client.

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In 2021 Prasad brought in a case under Operation Gazania, where previously our lead defendant had been under police investigation for 2 years and subject to a very stringent ISTRO (An interim slavery and trafficking prevention order). She was then charged, alongside with two others, with conspiracy to control another for the purposes of labour exploitation, facilitating arraignment of travel for the purposes of exploitation and acquiring criminal property. This was an extremely large investigation where the prosecution tracked a number of witnesses in Romania and the served evidence was due to exceed 10,000 PPE. However, after the defence team making written representations and carefully structuring the defence statement to highlight the gaps in the prosecution evidence, the prosecution offered no evidence in this matter.

R v S, Guildhall Middlesex Crown Court

Human trafficking and prostitution.

DRUGS

Throughout 2020 – 2022 Prasad was involved in the case of R v AE at Harrow Crown Court where we represented the lead defendant, in a four-defendant conspiracy to supply class A drugs. The case involved over 80,000 pages in evidence, particularly phone evidence, and necessitated the instruction of two counsel. Our client was a Thai lady that ran a defence under section 45 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. She was vulnerable and alleged that she was exploited by the other lead defendant. The case involved calling expert psychologist evidence, NRM evidence and a thorough examination of multiple phones. The case required an exceptional amount of work, particularly because all of the defendants were running cut-throat defences and due to this an enormous amount of unused was served during the trial, which mean the defence team had continuous amount of work throughout the trial. A careful and thought through preparation of the case lead to a unanimous acquittal of our client after 8 weeks at trial. As a result of this, the defence team were able to make written representations to the CPS on a Snaresbrook Crown Court case where the defendant still faced another trial, and no evidence was offered as a result.

Prasad is currently involved in Operation Rockwell, a large 33 co-defendant prosecution at Preston Crown Court. We represent one of the lead defendants. The prosecution allege that this was a well organised conspiracy where rental properties were identified for the cannabis farms and exploited, as well as various units used, and money laundered through various business. The evidence in this matter has reached over 500,000 PPE and includes extensive telephone and provider evidence for all defendants, banking evidence, forensic evidence, and other. The alleged value of this conspiracy is between £2 – 3 million.

R v B, Blackfriars Crown Court

Conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

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R v T, Ipswich Crown Court

Importation of class A drugs.

R v N, Kingston Crown Court

Importation of class A drugs.

R v H, St Albans Crown Court

Importation of class A drugs.

R v S, St Albans Crown Court

Possession of class B with intent to supply.

WHITE COLLAR CRIME

R v H, Southwark Crown Court

Conspiracy to convert criminal property.

R v Y, Exeter Crown Court

Money laundering.

R v C, Leicester Crown Court

Long firm fraud.

SEX OFFENCE

R v T, Portsmouth Crown Court

Rape

R v V, Woolwich Crown Court

Rape of a minor

R v M, St Albans Crown Court

Rape of a minor in India

R v C, St Albans Crown Court

Rape

R v V, Isleworth Crown Court

Rape

R v K, Kingston Crown Court

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