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EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS:

• **TERRORISM**

My previous work profile led to a recommendation to one of the main solicitors who undertake terrorism work. I was duly instructed and now regularly receive instructions in serious terror cases:

R v Aziz & Ors, "The Three Musketeers" Terrorism Case, Central Criminal Court (Mar – Aug 2017)

Led by Queen's Counsel representing one of the four Defendants on trial in a high-profile terrorism trial before a High Court Judge. There was significant press interest in the case, that was only the third trial in the history of the UK that was held (in part) in secret (in camera) due to issues of national security.

R v MD & Ors, Central Criminal Court (2017-2018)

(Led by QC) Representing one of four Defendants charged with conspiracy to murder relating to the first all-female terror cell in the UK which has resulted international press attention. It is alleged the Defendants were to use the niqaab as a disguise after committing mass murder. Case involved secret service methodology and evidence.

• **MURDER/HOMICIDE**

I have been instructed in numerous homicide cases. I was first instructed in a murder in 2012, at 6 years' call. Instructions have included:

R v Gale, Lewes Crown Court (January to February 2017).

Represented Defendant (led by QC) charged with murder of Bomb Disposal Expert. The Crown relied on a confession by Gale to his wife. Acquitted of murder.

R v Jack Harvey & Ors, Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey (2016-17)

Instructed for over a year representing a youth (as led junior) charged with the "Halloween" murder.

R v Dixon, Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey (2016)

Representing the main Defendant, a youth charged with murder in multi-handed case involving youth Defendants. Case revolved around complex cell site evidence and text message interpretation.

R v Ibrahim, Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey (2016)

Cut-throat multi-handed murder trial relating to death of female. Complex cause of death injury and timing of injuries arguments relating to brain injury. Only Defendant acquitted.

R v Monteith & Ors, Central Criminal Court, the Old Bailey (2012-2014).

Represented (as led junior) Mr Monteith who was charged with revenge murder and had left a DNA sample at the Crime Scene. Low Copy DNA arguments successful. Defendant Acquitted after 8-week trial.

R v Wellington & Ors, Winchester Crown Court (2012). Led by QC.

Representing main Defendant of five, said to have organised shooting of rival drug dealer. Acquitted of murder.

• **SERIOUS SEXUAL OFFENDING**

I have been instructed in a significant amount of sexual offending cases. I was first instructed in a rape in 2009. More recently:

R v Bucur & Ors, Southwark Crown Court (2016)

Leading Counsel representing one of eight Defendants alleged to be involved in trafficking women into the UK from mainland Europe and then forcing them to be sex slaves. Defendant acquitted of all counts.

R v Lategan, Isleworth Crown Court (2015)

Junior Alone. Representing famous fashion photographer suffering from frontal lobe syndrome and dementia, accused of repeated sexual assaults on numerous females.

R v Bowman, Blackfriars Crown Court (2012) J

Junior Alone. Represented female with severe mental health difficulties accused of sexually assaulting a child, who himself had vulnerabilities and behavioural difficulties.

R v Noon & Ors, Portsmouth Crown Court (2011)

Led Junior. Representing female Defendant with severe learning difficulties in an international paedophile ring case that lasted 8 weeks. The UK Defendants were engaged in a conspiracy with Australian Defendants in replicating serious, horrific child abuse.

• SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME/PROCEEDS OF CRIME:

Over many years, I have represented individuals and groups involved in the most serious organised crime. I have routinely been instructed, as Junior Alone, in drug importation/supply cases involving multi kilo cases as well as involved in associated Proceeds of Crime/Confiscation Proceedings. Examples include:

R v Tripp, Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey (2015-2017)

Junior Alone. Conspiracy to Supply over 100 kilograms of cocaine and smaller kilograms of heroin. Also represented interests during Proceeds of Crime allegation seeking to recover £10 million.

R v Clarke, Birmingham Crown Court (2015-2016)

Junior Alone. National Crime Agency Prosecution – conspiracy to import/supply 150kg cocaine.

R v Menciou & Ors, Woolwich Crown Court (October 2017).

Led by QC. Represented a businessman charged with a complex, high profile money laundering allegation involving members of the notorious Adams Crime Family, with issues ranging from abuse of process to severance.

R v Abouzaki & Ors, Croydon Crown Court (2012)

Junior Alone representing one of 8 Defendants charged with conspiring to kidnap and rob a drug dealer of over £1 million worth of cocaine and £100k in cash, My client was the only Defendant acquitted.

• FRAUD/WHITE COLLAR OFFENDING

I also routinely received instructions in fraud offences, including representing professionals and companies:

R v SH & Ors, Southwark Crown Court (2017-2018)

Junior Alone. I was instructed to represent a Defendant charged with multi-million, international fraud relating to movie equipment.

R v BBM, Guildford Crown Court (2017-2018)

Junior Alone. Represented Care Home Owner said to have stolen money from clients for whom she was guardian due to their lack of capacity

R v Mohsin, Blackfriars Crown Court (2018)

Junior Alone. Representing an accountant who required an intermediary, charged with Charity Commission Fraud. I also successfully represented him before his professional body in separate regulatory proceedings.

R v Pandit, Blackfriars Crown Court (2016)

Led Junior. Representing Payroll Accountant who it was alleged stole over £1 million from his employer, the Charity, Marie Stopes International.