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SUMMARY OF PRACTICE AREAS

Tim has a reputation among practitioners and judges as a skilful advocate who exercises sound judgment. His engaging and persuasive style of advocacy sits well with lay clients and juries. He has conducted a variety of serious and complex cases before the Crown Court and Court of Appeal, of which the below are a representative sample.

After seven years with leading firms in the City of London, he spent four years as an in-house advocate for a nationwide criminal firm before being called to the bar in 2016. He continues to build a solid defence practice, and also prosecutes for the CPS and other agencies.

A self-confessed 'IT geek' Tim has been ahead of the curve throughout his career. At the inception of the Digital Case System in 2016 he had been conducting Crown Court trials without paper for six years. He is particularly adept in frauds and other cases requiring a detailed eye to be cast over voluminous material, for example those involving computer evidence, telephone data and surveillance operations.

Tim is always willing to take an active advisory role from the early stages of a case. As a former duty solicitor and litigator, he understands the realities at all stages of the criminal process - not least what professional clients need from counsel.

Able to think laterally and work outside the traditional remit of criminal law, he has appeared in a wide variety of criminal and civil proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act, including proceedings in the High Court under the former CJA and DTA confiscation legislation.

Tim is a member of Gray's Inn, the Criminal Bar Association and the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association.

CASES OF NOTE

Murder & Serious Violence

R v KP Murder (led junior)

Acted for defendant at trial accused of stabbing the victim to death before setting his house on fire. The defendants were members of the local drinking community who were running 'cut throat' defences.

R v VV Wounding with intent (sole junior)

Acted for defendant at trial for wounding with intent. Alleged to have stabbed family friends during an argument at his home address. On appeal, Tim persuaded the Court of Appeal to quash convictions due to inadmissible evidence which had been heard by the jury.

R v SPF Murder (led junior)

Acted for the only defendant out of five to be acquitted of murder. The victim had been kidnapped from his home address and tortured. Extensive work carried out with cell site evidence to help support an alternative theory of the case.

Rape and sexual offences

R v EA Rape and sexual assault of child under 13 (sole junior)

Acted for defendant at trial accused of raping his wife on multiple occasions. Applications for disclosure revealed that the complainant used the allegations in support of her application for leave to remain in the country, and that she had made false immigration applications in the past. Applications under the bad character provisions and s41 were granted.

R v MF Indecent assault (sole junior)

Acted for defendant at trial accused of historical indecent assault against his niece. An unusual case due to the successful exclusion of lie detector evidence.

Fraud and criminal property

R v PR Conspiracy to transfer criminal property (sole junior)

Acting for defendant at trial alleged to be the 'middle man' during the transfer of £40,000 cash which emanated from dealing in class A drugs. Complex circumstantial evidence involving undercover surveillance, telephone data and cell site analysis.

R v DR Conspiracy to defraud (sole junior)

Representing one of four defendants at trial accused of conspiracy to defraud. Fraud on several telecoms companies resulting in a loss of almost £800,000. The perpetrators assumed the identity of legitimate companies to obtain 'Voice Over Internet Protocol' minutes on credit.

R v PS Fail to notify change of circumstances (sole junior)

Acted for solicitor of 30 years' experience accused of benefit frauds. The judge remarked to defendant "Mr Nutley was as persuasive this morning as he was during trial, you can thank your lucky stars you had him representing you".

Drugs

R v MW Conspiracy to supply cannabis (sole junior)

Acting for defendant at trial who was caught with others entering a drugs 'safe house' containing thousands of pounds worth of cannabis.

R v DW Supply of cocaine (sole junior)

Acting for defendant at trial accused of dealing cocaine in Brixton town centre.

R v NW Conspiracy to supply cocaine (sole junior)

Acted for defendant accused of being involved in one of the largest drugs hauls ever seized in the South Wales region. An expert was instructed who cast doubt on the interpretation of text messages. This led to the prosecution reducing the charge to supply of cannabis and the defendant receiving a suspended sentence.

Offences involving children and vulnerable witnesses

R v NH Child cruelty (sole junior)

Acting for defendant at trial, accused of wilfully assaulting his three month old daughter by shaking her, resulting in bleeding on the brain. Expert paediatric evidence was obtained on Tim's advice, leading to the prosecution expert accepting that the baby may have fallen unconscious prior to being shaken.

R v CH Causing/allowing child to suffer serious physical harm (sole junior)

Acting for father at trial, accused of causing multiple fractures to his baby son over a period of 10 months. Mother was the co-defendant, and the defendants blamed each other. Cross-examination of consultant paediatric radiologist.

R v BH Rape

Acting for defendant accused of raping his 16 year old cousin on multiple occasions. The complainant had learning difficulties and was cross-examined with the assistance of an intermediary.