



Recorder: 1990

Silk: 1992

Born: 22nd March 1950

Appointments:

1971 Called by Middle Temple

1987 Assistant Recorder

1989 Recorder

1992 QC and Head of Chambers at Lincoln House, Manchester

1996 Chairman of Police Tribunal

2000 Member of Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

2000 President of Mental Health Tribunal

2001 Bencher Middle Temple

APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

Member of Criminal Bar Association

SFO Panel

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Panel

Past member of Bar Council

Past Member of Northern Circuit Executive Committee

Advisor - Pakistan Medical Association UK

TV Presenter (1982-1987)

SPECIALISATIONS, EXPERIENCE & PROFESSIONAL APPROACH

Having established, by sheer hard work and dedication and at a time when equal opportunity was not popular, a very successful practice, he became a Recorder of the Crown court at the age of 37 and went on to become Queens Counsel at the age of 42. He is the first Recorder and Queens Counsel from ethnic background outside London.

As a junior counsel he had a highly successful practice in civil, crime, immigration and private international law. This provided him with a sound base to take silk and continue his success as leading counsel.

As leading counsel he has been in many high profile cases both prosecuting and defending. In recent years he has concentrated on defence work and on high profile cases in Fraud, Murder, Terrorism, Drug trafficking and Money Laundering.

His Fraud practice encompasses asset forfeiture and restraint, VAT, duty diversion, revenue, banking, MTIC, and mortgage frauds. His experience in fraud goes back many years. He was in the first two VAT fraud cases to be tried in Manchester. He has just completed Op-Duma, a multi-handed MTIC fraud with alleged loss of £80 millions. His background, IT skills and understanding of Data management give him the essential skills required for a successful fraud practice.

IMMIGRATION

Before taking silk Mukhtar had an extensive immigration practice both before the Immigration Tribunal and in Judicial Review in the High Court. He continues to do Judicial Review work in Immigration.

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

Mukhtar has experience and Knowledge of Islamic Law and Practice.

NOTABLE CASES

Operation Duma

Alleged £80 million multi-handed MTIC fraud. The investigation took 5 years and the trial lasted nearly 6 months.

R v Lorna Hylton

London City Banking Fraud involving £100million fraud on several top banks by Middle Eastern Gang with inside employees.

R v Simmons

Money Laundering case arising out of a huge operation by the drug squad in Manchester where 22 Defendants had been arrested and later dealt with by the court. The Defendant and her husband had left the jurisdiction and were arrested 2 years later in Spain and then extradited. The trial went on for 16 weeks.

Operation Fiscal, (Preston Crown Court) Multiple defendant drugs and money-laundering case.

R v Mohammed & others - £12 million money laundering case.

R v Swift & others - acted for one of the defendants in a Kosovo gang-land murder heard at the Old Bailey.

Operation Gately - acted for the prosecution in a series of drugs cases involving an undercover Police Officer and 25 defendants.

Oldham Riots - prosecuted all 62 defendants involved in the Oldham Riots.

R v Zaman & others - murder of a member of the public on Boxing Day 2003 - defended in this high profile case where the victim was killed whilst trying to prevent his car from being stolen.

R v Rowe-Hartley & others - acted for one of the defendants in the recent case where the defendants were collectively known as the "Bling-Bling" gang who were charged with conspiracy to supply £300 million worth of cocaine - client acquitted.

R v Geen - defended a young male nurse charged with 2 counts of murder and 18 counts of Section 18 assault at Banbury Hospital - see links below:

www.mirror.co.uk/news/topstories/tm_objectid=16704236

www.guardian.co.uk/crime/article/0,,1710049,00.html

www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,8122-2041100,00.html

www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/news.html

R v Thorpe - defending in a multi-handed gang murder at the Old Bailey.

R v Rehman - defending in a serious Police corruption and drugs case involving huge amounts of Class A drugs. There had been a long-running operation where evidence had been obtained by means of covert listening devices in private homes and cars.

R v Aslam & others - instructed for one of the defendants in the shooting of WPC Beshenivsky in Bradford at the end of last year – client acquitted of murder and attempted murder.

R v Hafeez Mitu Ahmed & others - multi-handed drugs conspiracy with a successful submission to exclude the evidence obtained from covert recordings from the defendant's home. Client acquitted.

Operation Pancrack - Large-scale drugs and money-laundering investigation. Involved the "bugging" of several commercial and private premises and country-wide mobile surveillance.

Operation Oyster - Large-scale drugs case involving 12 defendants and lasting 12 months. The first instance of Chief Constable of Lancashire authorising the "bugging" of a private home.

Operation Casper - Case involving the supply of large amounts of Class A drugs over an extended period. Police investigation had involved the use of mobile and static observations as well as the use of undercover police officers.

R v Buskar Bibi - Murder of a child by parents. Case involved complicated cultural issues relating to mother's responsibility and role within the Pakistani Muslim community.

R v Brendan Flynn - Gangland shooting of 4 people (on separate occasions).

R v Mohsin Raza - Racist murder closely connected to Oldham Riots.

R v Kabir - Murder of a baby by his father who was about to be deported after his asylum claim had failed. Case involved issues of racism and attitudes towards asylum seekers.

PERSONAL APPROACH AND INTERESTS OUTSIDE THE LAW

Languages Spoken:

Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi and “working-knowledge” of Arabic, Gujarati and Persian

Personal:

Married with three children.

Leisure:

Cricket, golf, reading and travel.