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Shaun Esprit

Year of call: 1996 | Year of silk:

About

Shaun Esprit is recognised for his meticulous preparation, engaging advocacy, and ability to build a strong rapport with his lay clients. He is regularly instructed in the most serious and complex criminal matters. His practice spans a broad range of offences, including homicide, organised crime, firearms cases, large-scale drug importations, and serious sexual offences. Shaun approaches every case with absolute commitment, combining careful analysis with strategic advocacy to secure the best possible outcome for those he represents. Shaun prosecutes and defends and is regularly instructed as leading counsel.

Practice Areas

- Criminal Law
- Regulatory And Disciplinary Law
- Business Crime
- Direct Access

Languages

- Spanish
- English
- French

Publications and Lectures

For Richer, For Poorer: article on the interplay between confiscation and matrimonial proceedings: The Proceeds of Crime Review (No.2 2008)

A Fair Share: article on property rights of cohabitees in context of confiscation/restraint proceedings: The Proceeds of Crime Review (No.4 2009)

Abuse of Process in Confiscation Proceedings: The Proceeds of Crime Review (2011)

Criminal or Casualty: Marine A: article in Counsel Magazine (2017)

Education

BA (Hons) Oxford University

Common Professional Examination (City University)

Bar Vocational Course

CPS Panel General Crime (Grade 4) and Proceeds of Crime

Specialist Panel (Grade 4)

Languages

Fluent French

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Fluent Spanish

Cases of note

2019

Defending in large scale conspiracy to supply over 50kg of ketamine (1.25 million street value).

2019 R-v-MH

Prosecuting manslaughter.

2019 R-v-SR & Ors

Successful appeal to the Court of Appeal for interested third party (wife) in multi-million pound confiscation proceedings.

2018 R-v-AC & Ors

Attempted murder.

2018 R-v-CW

defending historical sexual offences case: defendant acquitted of all 33 offences arsing from alleged incident in 1970s [Stafford Crown Court].

2018 R-v-A & Ors

Murder: Central Criminal Court, led by QC

2017

Successful appeal against conviction representing senior consultant physician re possession of indecent images of children (Court of Appeal).

2017

Successful appeal against conviction and subsequent acquittal representing defendant charged with causing death by careless driving.

2017 R-v-NW & Anr

Murder: Central Criminal Court, led by QC

2017 R-v-UF

Defending attempted murder (Blackfriars Crown Court).

2017 R-v-RE

Defending attempted murder with gangland background (Inner London).

2016 R-v-HA

Cardiff: prison riot; attempted murder/section 18 Cardiff Crown Court.

2015 R-v-SC & Ors

Lewes Crown Court: representing lead defendant in trial arising from large scale drug importation of Class A drugs in excess of 10,000,000

2014

Defending in prison violent disorder/attempted murder trial (Worcester Crown Court)

2013

Represented Defendant in high-profile multi-handed racially aggravated public disorder case.

2012 R-v-S

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Represented Defendant at trial for importation of over 10kg of high purity cocaine.

2010 R-v-C, H & A

Prosecution on behalf of RCPO re the importation of 90kg of heroin into UK.

2010 R-v-G, M & Ors

Defended in relation to a conspiracy to commit burglaries and steal high performance motor vehicles for onward sale; value 450,000.

2007

Represented Father in care proceedings arising from his alleged involvement in an extensive paedophile ring

2006

Represented the Sandwell Borough Council in care proceedings arising from alleged anal rape of infant.

2006 R-v-S & H

Inner London Crown Court: defended firearms case (as led junior) arising from Operation Trident investigation into gun crime.

2010

Represented Appellant before the Employment Appeal Tribunal; setting aside of finding of dishonesty made against senior health care official in his claim for unfair dismissal.

2005

Represented Claimant in successful clinical negligence proceedings arising from obstetricians negligence; award of over 500,000 achieved

2017 R-v-FN

Defending owner of money exchange business in trial of multi million pound money laundering conspiracy Reading Crown Court.

2011

Prosecuted as led junior a large scale money laundering conspiracy arising from the proceeds of an MTIC fraud.

2009 R-v-M & Ors

Prosecuted re-trial of Barclays Bank manager alleged to have stolen from employers as part of a conspiracy with participants in organised crime.

2010 R-v-D

Prosecution on behalf of RCPO re importation of 40kg of herbal cannabis.

2008 R-v-K

Prosecuted on behalf of RCPO case involving just under 1,000,000 evaded duty on imported cigarettes.

2004 R-v-G & Ors

EWCA Crim 1368: led junior defending banker allegedly engaged in largest arrangement fee fraud ($80,000,000) ever prosecuted by the Serious Fraud Office. Leading authority on issue of accidentally disclosed PII material and its effect on fairness of criminal trial.

2003 Advised Messrs

McClean McNally, International Attorneys, Turks & Caicos in relation to the first copyright case brought in that jurisdiction (re application and extension of the Copyright Acts 1911 and 1956 and the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1989 to the Turks and Caicos Islands).

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