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About

Chris areas of specialisation include business immigration and crime. As a criminal advocate Chris has defended across the gamut of offences including fraud and white-collar crime, drugs offences, property offences, sexual and violent assaults and offences by and against children. Chris took a career sabbatical in 2016 to experience big business and the corporate world. Returning to the law, he is currently the founder of a Business Immigration Consultancy.

Languages

- English
- French

Qualifications:

BA (Hons) London
Post Grad. Diploma in Law College of Law, Guildford
Bar Vocational Course Inns of Court School of Law

Professional Memberships:

Criminal Bar Association

Personal Interests:

All sports, particularly rugby, skiing, equestrianism.

Cases of note

Tre Sky [2000] 2 Cr. App. R. (S.) 260
Appeal against sentence. Administering a noxious substance with intent.

R (Hunt) v Criminal Cases Review Commission [2001] Q.B. 1108; [2001] 2 W.L.R. 319; [2000] S.T.C. 1110; [2001] 2 Cr. App. R. 6; 73 T.C. 406; [2001] Crim. L.R. 324; [2000] S.T.I. 1608; Times, November 24, 2000
Judicial Review, junior counsel for the claimant led by Robert Rhodes QC and Simon Stafford Michael Power of the Commissioners of the Inland Revenue to prosecute on indictment without the consent of the Attorney-General.

R (Lonergan) v Lewes Crown Court, [2005] EWCA Crim 457 (Admin) : [2004] EWCA Crim 3358; [2005] 2 Cr. App. R. (S.) 37; (2005) 149 S.J.L.B. 26; Times, December 23, 2004: [2004] EWCA Crim 3358; [2005] 2 Cr. App. R. (S.) 37; (2005) 149 S.J.L.B. 26; Times, December 23, 2004
Judicial Review, junior counsel for the claimant led by Alan Newman QC. Leading case on Anti-Social Behaviour Orders

R v Page et ors [2004] EWCA Crim 3358; [2005] 2 Cr. App. R. (S.) 37; (2005) 149 S.J.L.B. 26; Times, December 23, 2004
Appeal against sentence. Guideline case on sentencing for theft.

R v AS, Snaresbrook Crown Court.
Rape and assault by penetration within marriage. AS acquitted of all rape charges.

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R v K, Central Criminal Court

Rape within an arranged marriage. K acquitted

R v V, Snaresbrook Crown Court

Rape, robbery and assault. Having admitted the assault V was acquitted of rape and robbery.

R v AR, Oxford Crown Court

Sexual assault on teenage girls. AR acquitted

R v P, Birmingham Crown Court

Assault by penetration with a broken table leg and section 18 GBH on an alleged young prostitute. P was acquitted on the count of assault by penetration.

R. v Cleary (Christopher) [2006] EWCA Crim 1375

Case of historic sexual assault.

R v J, Wolverhampton Crown

Allegations of attempted rape and sexual assault against an 11 year old complainant.

R. v S (S P) [2009] EWCA Crim 1959

Wounding with intent, knife crime. S admitted stabbing the victim but denied any intent to do grievous bodily harm. Defence of automatism as a result from withdrawal from alcohol was successful. The sentence passed down for the alternative section 20 allegation was successfully appealed.

R v T, Wolverhampton Crown Court

Wounding with intent, knife crime. Allegation that husband had stabbed wife and left her for nearly 24hours before the emergency services were called. Defence of self-inflicted wounds was successful acquitted.

R v T, Inner London Crown Court

Multiple robberies and wounding with intent. The defendant was only 12 years of age at the date of the alleged stabbing

R v A et ors, Harrow Crown Court

Conspiracy to supply firearms. Defence of duress was successful. A was the only defendant acquitted.

R v B & K, Birmingham Crown Court

Armed aggravated burglary

R v SC et ors, Winchester Crown Court

Conspiracy to supply class A drugs. Junior counsel. 9-handed multi-million pound drugs conspiracy.

R v R et ors, Wolverhampton Crown Court

Conspiracy to supply class A drugs. Successful submission of no case to answer based on the nature of the conspiracy indicted.

R v M, Isleworth Crown Court

Importation of 8 tonnes of cannabis

R v C et ors, (CA) Case Number 9803759 X2 (Butte Mining Plc)

Second junior counsel for the defendant (led by Robert Rhodes QC and David Stern) on a renewed application for leave to appeal. Serious fraud involving the flotation of a mining company (Butte Mining plc). The case involved complex technical allegations concerning geology, mining engineering and hydrology as well as detailed considerations of the Yellow Book. Application was subsequently made to the European Court of Human Rights.

R (Hunt) v Criminal Cases Review Commission [2001] 2 WLR 319

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Judicial Review, second junior counsel for the claimant Power of the Commissioners of the Inland Revenue to prosecute on indictment without the consent of the Attorney-General.

R v A et ors Maidstone Crown Court

Junior counsel led by Christopher van Hagen. Multi-handed identity fraud. A was the only defendant to avoid a custodial sentence.

R v B et anor, Winchester Crown Court

Junior counsel led by Christopher van Hagen. Allegation of misfeasance in public office surrounding the provision of services to the newly formed Afghan police force. acquitted.

R v S et ors, Southampton Crown Court & Court of Appeal

Counsel for the first defendant in a multi-handed conspiracy to defraud, alleged to have been worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. The defendant was acquitted on the most serious count on the indictment following submissions of no case to answer based on whether the single count actually alleged a rolled-up conspiracy. The prosecution attempted to appeal the terminatory ruling, however the Court of Appeal sent the case back to the Crown Court for formal not guilty verdicts.

R v M, Southwark Crown Court

Junior counsel led by Christopher van Hagen. Serious and complex fraud attracting large scale media attention.

R v B, Birmingham Crown Court

Multi-million pound VAT fraud

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