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Islam Khan

Year of call: 2008 | Year of silk:
Ranked as a Leading Junior in The Legal 500 2025, 2026 and 2027

About

Islams main practice is defending in serious crime, with a particular focus on Conspiracy related crime, Proceeds of Crime, Fraud, Drugs and Immigration related criminal fraud. He is often instructed on serious violence including murder, manslaughter, and gang violence, as well as on appeals against sentence and conviction and is regularly requested to provide second opinions post convictions. Whilst testing cases in Judicial Review and varying his advocacy practice, Islam is also instructed by individuals who often find themselves in disputes with medical bodies, including, GMC, NMC, CQC and HCPC and such legal bodies as, SRA and BSB. He is instructed by a number of organisations nationally in relation to HR policy and regulatory matters. A number of UK charities regularly consult Mr Khan regarding constitutional and charity commission disputes. Islams initial practice has been immigration, and is still available for specialist expert advice in appeals on Asylum, Trafficking, Deportation and Urgent Removal hearings (including out of hours injunctions) and bail hearings with many years of experience. Islams sense of fair play has led him to volunteer at Bail for Immigration Detainees, Fair Trials International and Hackney Law Centre. Islam was an active mediator for Tower Hamlets Mediation Services. Islam began working from a very young age to support his vulnerable family and in doing so, supported and held his family together; he came to the Bar with rich life experience as a mature student. His career boasts a diverse background; Islam owned his own successful catering business. He was a chef, owner manager and guest host. He also hosted at the Millennium Dome in the year 2000 as an operational field host. He was a civil servant at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Human Rights Policy, Consular, Human Resources and was posted in Nigeria, Lagos as Entry Clearance Officer before coming to the Bar. Not one to rest on his laurels, Islam has a keen developing interest in probate/administration of estates law. He obtained above and beyond a first class in this topic during his Academic studies leaving his personal tutor professionally pleased and delighted. Islam often drafts Islamic Wills for members of the community free of charge, subject to a donation to a charity.

Practice Areas

- Criminal Law
- Immigration Law
- Public Law
- Regulatory And Disciplinary Law

Languages

- English
- Bengali
- Hindi
- Urdu

Current Instructions

Operation Belt and Brace High Profile Robberies across the country at mobile phones stores of O2, EE and Vodpahone with the defence of insider help.

R v AA Multi Million Pound Fraud transactions between client and professional.

Operation Brantor Ramadan Murder in Birmingham

Central Court 25 Southampton Buildings London WC2A 1A

Education

LL.M Public Law & Human Rights (Kings College, London - Merit)
Bar Vocational Course, ICSL (Outstanding in Legal Research)
LLB Hons. (Upper Second Class) at London Guildhall University

Membership

Criminal Bar Association
British Bangladeshi Practising Barristers Association (BBPBA)
Indigent Muslim Burial Fund

Awards and Achievements

Pro Bono Recognition List 2024, England and Wales
Canary Wharf Legal Training Award
Tower Hamlets Bar Vocational Award
Fight for injustice Scholarships
Tower Hamlets Mentor of the Year 2009
Lady Oliver Cup Mooting Competition (Quarter Finalists)
Judge at BPP annual moot competition
Presented on Visa and Human Rights training courses at Foreign Office
1st year LLB Moot assessments (1st class)

Published Articles

2015 The Last Raja of West Pakistan, editor and co-author
2013 The Notary of England and Wales, American Bar Association's Section of International Law, Europe Committee - Europe Update (Newsletter), Issue 3, February
2012 Comparative Judicial Supremacy, issue 6, October 2012 Dictum Law Magazine
2010 International legal principles on the raid of the flotilla Islamic Digest
2010 Indirect discrimination by requiring an age rule - Islamic Digest
2010 Bibi challenges age bar on marriage visas - New Law Journal
2010 Implications of Ghai & anor, Right to religious funeral according to Hindu beliefs
2009 Whether FGM is an Islamic practice and its development in modern times - Incitelaw
2008 Mediation in Practice - Tower Hamlets Mediation Newsletter
2005 The joys of an entry clearance officer - FCO and Home Office immigration news

Languages

Bengali (fluently)
Sylheti (fluently)
Urdu (conversational)
Hindi (conversational)

Cases of note

R v DB

2026 Mr Khan was instructed by Maurice Andrews to represent rapper Dsavv following his highly publicised escape from lawful custody whilst awaiting deportation. The case attracted extensive national media coverage, including reporting by BBC News and Sky News.

R v P

2026 Sentencing in widely reported bomb hoax case involving a failed asylum seeker planting a fake stick of

dynamite outside MI5 headquarters. Sentencing remarks can be found here, alongside coverage in BBC News.

Operation Creed R -v- HO & Ors

2026 Multi-handed drugs supply, money laundering at Southampton Crown Court. Mr Khans client was the only defendant acquitted.

Operation Gramhorn R -v- JS & Ors

2026 Negotiated a lesser role in multihanded fraud conspiracy Snaresbrook Crown Court

Attorney-General v DB

Court of Appeal point of principle. Whether perverting course of justice offences ought to be suspended or immediate custody. Before LJ Macur, J Cutts and J Murray. The reported judgment can be read here.

Rex v SB

Court of Appeal point of principle. Whether Basildon Crown Court sentence on totality on three counts of Domestic Violence ought to have been concurrent and not consecutive as the allegations stem from the same facts and victim. Before L.J Holgate, J. Spencer and J. Calver,

Rex v YA

2025 Widely reported case involving a trio of NHS workers who made 412k by selling fake Covid 19 vaccination records. Conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation and conspiracy to cause a computer to perform a function with intent.

Operation Tempest - R v US

2025 Conspiracy to Import Class A.

Operation Warmindi - R v JM

2025 Conspiracy to Import Class A.

R v NT

2025 Attempt Murder at Birmingham CC.

Operation Shadow

2024 Attempt Murder at Birmingham CC in the case of AA.

Maurice Andrews Solicitors

R v B-S-B

2023 Represented Gavin Bathurst-Shaw-Binning in a notable case involving dangerous driving and four counts of causing criminal damage by driving recklessly. Coverage included Metro,MailOnlineandDaily Echo.

R v A

2023 Attempt Murder

Operation Mablis

2023 People Smuggling, assisting Asylum Seekers and organised crime

R v G

2023 Attempt murder, representations leading to s18 OAPA being offered at court

R v AR

2023 Attempt Murder, Controlling Coercive Behaviour, Birmingham CC

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c51zrx87k28o

https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/first-mugshot-crazed-husband-who-28331396

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https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12890185/husband-tried-murder-wife-knife-attack-family-court-jailed.html

Operation Wealdfarm

2023 Lead in this Paddington Murder trial, Gang Violence, at Old Bailey

Operation Porthold

2022 Attempt Murder and Possession of Firearms, Gang Violence, GBH, Birmingham CC, Acquittal

R v H

2022 21 million Fraud MSB and Money Laundering

R v N

2022 Attempt Murder, GBH, Wolverhampton CC

R v MAK

2019 Multiple Immigration and Housing Fraud

Operation Slipstream

Multi-handed conspiracy fraud in Tower Hamlets revenue

Operation Over the Top

Junior in a Multimillion pound fraud across many years

Operation Vocare

Conspiracy Aggravated burglary and handling stolen goods

Operation Chalkwell

Conspiracy Drugs county lines

Operation Topanga

Conspiracy to supply with intent

R v Iqbal

34 million fraud collapses at Snaresbrook Crown Court due to catastrophic disclosure failures by CPS

High Court (Admin) v SH (Mubin)

Ongoing Challenging the MOJs inefficient and incompetent new interpreting services that deny access to justice and develop a case law guidance given the severe civil war in Bangladesh

ST (Gambia) v SSHD

2016 Challenging the SSHD that the rule on intention to live together and subsisting marriage should apply at the same time and not separately

BH (Ghana) v SSHD

2013 Challenging that it is contrary to fair trial rights to allow the SSHD to adduce evidence on its own volition without challenge. Lord Justice Moses statesIslam Khan has appeared in front of me in BH (Ghana) on two occasionsHe argued the case with great effect.

Court of Appeal v Quila and Ors

2011 Challenging the UK age bar to overseas marriage

HCPC v G

2020 2022 Expert evidence on IT use by physiotherapist led to successful Abuse of Process argument

Hilbre Health Group v CQC

2021 Retained to advise Hilbre Health group from being suspended

RSPCA v Ors

2020 Multihanded trial for Possession, Selling and Trapping Wild Birds

NMC v Alovera

2018 Failing to administer medication, leading to death Fitness to practise

Admiral Insurance v Samvat

Serious allegations involving both regulatory and criminal aspects, fitness to practise

Admiral Insurance v Samvat

2021 5 day trial, High Court: Civil Fraud of over 2.5 million pounds

Quotes

"In a recent case at Southampton Crown Court, Islam Khan secured the only acquittal in a four handed drugs conspiracy trial. He worked tirelessly in obtaining crucial disclosure enabling him to properly test the prosecution case and present our clients defence in full. Our client was extremely happy with Islams representation and Islam remains my first-choice of criminal barrister."
Jack Ward of Tank Jowett Solicitors, 2026

"Islam has excellent interpersonal skills and is deeply committed to putting his clients cases on solid footings in any situation."
The Legal 500 2026, ranked as a Leading Junior

"Islam is a very competent advocate with the requisite qualities that cause him to be an outstanding criminal lawyer. He is always extremely well-prepared and presents submissions with great eloquence and focus. He also possesses sound judgement, and knows which battles to fight, which is an important, but-all-too-frequently absent, skill in many advocates."
The Legal 500 2025, ranked as a Leading Junior

Islam's strength and professionalism in the courtroom were truly remarkable.

His confident demeanour and steadfast defence not only put me at ease but also instilled a sense of confidence in me throughout the proceedings. His ability to handle challenging situations and effectively advocate on my behalf was truly impressive.

I especially appreciated his work in confronting the prosecutor, when he turned on the videotape showing the full picture and opened the Judge's eyes, a moment which played a crucial role in the outcome of the trial. His dedication to my case was evident, and I am grateful for his hard work and expertise.
2024, Instructed by Criminal Defence Solicitors: Client in a criminal defence case involving serious violence of grievous bodily harm with intent

Islam "has an ability to explain complex issues in simple terms. Great client care skills. Mesmerising speeches, eloquent cross examination and tactical nous."
2024, Mr Costa Cantaris, Cantaris Locke Solicitors

Your insightful guidance and advice were not only instrumental in navigating the complexities of the post-government collapse but also provided me with a sense of direction during an otherwise uncertain period. Your selfless dedication to helping me, without charging me anything, even amidst your busy schedule, has made a significant impact on our lives.
2024, Mr Sherzad, Former UN Employee

We accept Mr Khans succinct yet powerful submissions to quash the manifestly excessive sentence of Mr Hand.
2023, Lord Justice Edis, Court of Appeal Criminal Division

My firm has been working with Islam Khan, for several years. I find Islam excellent to work with. I have instructed Islam on many serious cases, including (but not limited to):

- Serious offences of violence including murder and Section 18 Grievous Bodily Harm.
- Voluminous drugs cases including conspiracy to supply drugs and conspiracy to import drugs.
- Sexual offences including rape and meeting a child following sexual grooming.
- Serious offences concerning exploitation and human trafficking, under the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
- And Conspiracy to commit fraud."

2023, Rajesh Bhamm, Senior Partner at Tank Jowett Solicitors

"An experienced trial barrister. He is thorough and fully prepared for court hearings, always. He has secured acquittals in serious cases, that I have instructed him on. He has also helped secure bail for a number of my clients, including securing bail for a client charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. Islam is one of the main barristers that I instruct on my serious Crown Court Cases."
2023, Rajesh Bhamm, Senior Partner at Tank Jowett Solicitors

Islam Khan has the enthusiasm to work on the brief given to him from day 1 to the last day. As a criminal expert solicitor, it is important to have a working partner to not only assist in the conduct of the matter but to be guided whenever the need arises. Islam does this to a high degree of satisfaction, works hard and is proactive. My lay clients are re-assured to know that their matter receives the attention from a barrister who is committed to defend them."
2023, Mr Peter Fernando, Senior Partner at Stonehall Solicitors

..Most importantly, Mr Khan possessed that rarest of skillsknowing when to listen and when to talk, which left me feeling both validated, as the victims relative, and empowered, as her voice in court. Mr Khan was as professionally expert as he was personally empathic, as shown by his 48-hour follow-up call, to explain to me my familys legal options moving

forward but, more significantly, to express to me his sincerest hopes for my familys future. Mr Khan represents the best of both justice and the justice system.
2023, Mr Daniel Finn-Fitzpatrick, Inquest of CF

We have instructed Islam now on numerous attempt murder, serious violence, drugs and fraud trials. Hes one of our best counsel guiding us from the start to last leading to great results.
2022, Mr Akeeb Yakoob, Maurice Andrews Solicitors

We found Mr Khan's attention to detail and excellent advocacy skills yielding results every time.
2022, Mr Shakil Shah, Woolfe & Co

"I would like to express my gratitude to Mr Khan. He was very accommodating and willing to accept the brief at very short notice ... was very responsive to all communications and made himself available when I troubled him ... was very proactive at the trial, which was noted by the defendant. Who also wishes to extend his gratitude to Mr Khan ... secured a Not Guilty Verdict. I look forward to working with Mr Khan in the Future."
2021, Mr Tahir Mahmood, Whiterose Blackmans Solicitors

Islam is committed to bottoming out every issue and is genuinely engaged with his cases, providing helpful post hearing advice and assistance.
2020, Ms Ghislaine Sandoval, Imran Khan & Partners

It is the first time I have worked with Islam Khan, he was very helpful, thorough, and professional given the last minute instructions. He was able to get the result we wanted, and for that I am hugely appreciative. I look forward to working with him again.
2019, Ainsley Harris Solicitors - Solicitors and Commissioners for Oaths & Higher Court Advocates

...He has great courtroom style & is aware of the scrupulous attention he gives to preparation, in addition to the effort he commits to the actual hearing. The SSHD commented The commendation received was also highly complementary about his advocacy style. I have personally observed him on a number of occasions & would describe his advocacy as calm, professional, proportionate & measured. He is very well aware of ethical standards & he demonstrated his awareness of disclosure by challenging me on that very issue.
2016, District Judge Lawrence and Mr. Williams, Secretary of State for Home Department

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2013, LJ Moses Court of Appeal