



Practice

As both leading and junior counsel, Adrian has consistently been instructed in a great number of serious and complex cases and is consequently able to draw on a wealth of experience in representing his clients.

Examples of such cases include murder, terrorism, money laundering, a large variety of fraud including commercial fraud, SFO cases, major drugs supply and importation cases, firearms offences, human trafficking /people smuggling, confiscation proceedings, armed robbery and rape.

For the past nine years, Adrian has been listed as a leader in *Chambers UK*. Adrian is also listed in the Legal 500.

In addition to defending numerous criminal confiscation proceedings Adrian is experienced in all other aspects of confiscation and related proceedings. This includes representing defendants and affected third parties in enforcement proceedings in the High Court, such as applications to appoint enforcement receivers, civil recovery proceedings and cash seizures.

Adrian practises in the field of asset recovery under Part V Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and has provided CPD accredited lectures on this subject and the role of mediation within it.

Adrian is an Inner Temple Advocacy Trainer.

Notable Cases

***R v Advani* [2010]**

Instructed as leading counsel in SFO prosecution for offences allegedly linked to the collapse of the Johnson Matthey Bank. Current value alleged to be over £7m.

***R v Twomey* [2010]**

Instructed as junior counsel for the principal defendant in the first ever trial by judge alone in English legal history.

***R v Takkar* [2010]**

Leading counsel in £36.5m confiscation proceedings arising out of Missing Trader Intra Community (MTIC) fraud. Benefit figure reduced by £30m.

***R v Biles* [2010]**

Leading counsel in conspiracy to supply drugs.

***R v Rouse* [2010]**

Leading counsel for principal defendant in conspiracy to supply cocaine.

***R v T and others* [2009] EWCA Crim 1035 Court of Appeal**

Leading case on jury tampering involving public interest immunity issues. Instructed as junior counsel.

***R v Kao* [2009]**

Leading counsel for principal defendant accused of running a bogus immigration advisory college in conjunction with a bogus college. Money laundering in respect of £3m.

***R v Lau* [2009]**

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1988

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Education

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Practice Areas:

Adrian Eissa is a member of the following Practice Areas:

- Courts Martial
- Crime
- Fraud & Regulatory
- Mediation

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Leading Counsel for the principal defendant in major Trading Standards case involving an alleged "loss to industry figure" of £1.5m.

R v Nash [2009]

Conspiracy to supply 28 kg of heroin.

Kwok and Lee [2009]

£185,000 cash seizure. Proceeds returned in full to the clients.

R v Shahid Court of Appeal [2009] Cr App R (105)

On the issue of whether a confiscation order can be made against a defendant whose assets are subject to control by a trustee in bankruptcy.

Asset Recovery Agency Claim [2007]

Asset Recovery Agency claim in civil recovery proceedings under POCA; value in excess of £1.5m. Confidential settlement achieved through mediation.

"Honeytrap" murder of Shakilus Townsend 7 handed murder where a 17 year old was lured to his death by a girl, where he was beaten and stabbed to death.
News story

R v Reis Relvas a 7 handed murder at the CCC which concluded in January 2009

R v Robertson Reading Crown Court: Instructed alone

Status: Concluded October 2007

Mr Robertson strangled to death a complete stranger in the deceased's front garden, in daylight hours and in the presence the deceased's 2 year old daughter and neighbours. He then dragged the corpse into the deceased's house and waited there with the child until she arrived. Mr Robertson was charged with murder. Following initial disagreements between experts the Crown accepted a plea to manslaughter and Mr Robertson was dealt with by an Order under the Mental Health Act.

R v Patterson Nottingham Crown Court

Instructed as junior to Courtenay Griffiths QC. Appeal against sentence reported at *R v Patterson [2008] EWCA Crim 1080*. Tariff for murder reduced in respect of 16 year old defendant. Mr Patterson was 16 at the time of the incident in which he accepted stabbing a middle aged man in the chest in daylight hours in Nottingham City Centre, apparently because the deceased had bumped into him. A plea of guilty to manslaughter was rejected by the Crown.

John Twomey [2008] - junior for principal defendant £1.75m armed robbery

airside at Heathrow airport-jury discharged six months into the trial- retrial pending
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R v Ahmet and others [2007-2008] Woolwich Crown Court

Instructed as Junior to Henry Blaxland QC. Mr Ahmet was alleged to be the "Emir" to a group of men involved in attending "terror training" camps in the UK. First ever prosecution under s.1 Terrorism Act 2006. Multiple counts of soliciting to murder. To read the BBC news report, [click here](#).

R v Rickell Patterson [2008] EWCA Crim 1018

Appeal allowed - tariff for unprovoked murder committed by 16 year old defendant reduced.

R v Martins [2006]

Three month terrorism act case involving undercover journalists and police.



Barrister profile

Adrian Eissa



R v Balta [2006]

Major people smuggling case.

Professional Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association
- Standing Conference of Mediation Advocates

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