



GARDEN COURT CHAMBERS

Alistair Polson

YEAR OF CALL: 1989



Alistair is a criminal defence specialist. He is increasingly instructed as leading counsel. Alistair has considerable experience of serious firearms matters, large scale drug and gun importation and a busy and varied appellate practice.

Alistair combines a down-to-earth manner with meticulous attention to detail. An impressive jury advocate and with a real flair for appellate work, Alistair is regularly selected for cases that need a determined and incisive approach.

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CRIMINAL DEFENCE

Alistair handles all aspect of criminal work. His practice includes large value fraud, drug importations, drug dealing, firearms offences, gang related violence, attempted murder and sexual offences.

Alistair's recent and on-going work includes acquittals in cases of firearms, drug and gun importations, rape and sexual assault, stabbings, arson with intent, fitness to plead and modern slavery.

NOTABLE CASES

Crown Court

R v Brabon and others, Woolwich Crown Court - Represented Defendant 1 in multi handed drug and gun importation case prosecuted by David Jeremy QC. All Defendants acquitted.

R v E, Harrow Crown Court - Arson with intent, fitness to plead. Ongoing.

R v Foster, Harrow Crown Court - Acquitted of possession of firearm and ammunition. Sentenced on pleas to dangerous dogs offence, possessing criminal property and possession of drugs.

R v Girmay, Exeter Crown Court - County lines case. Prosecution offer no evidence after two weeks of legal argument about reliability of massive telephone schedule.

R v Malm - Allegation of organizing three armed robberies of jewelers. Acquitted of two, but convicted of one at retrial. Sentenced to 19 years. Appeal dismissed.

R v Lee, Aylesbury Crown Court - Rape and indecent assaults by father on all three of his children over an 18-year period. Minimum period successfully appealed.

R v Jane Wilson, Blackfriars Crown Court - Defendant stabbed complainant in the eye with a pen, requiring operation to remove nib. Defence: accident. Verdict: not guilty.

R v Rehman and others, Luton Crown Court - Murder trial led by David Spens QC.

R v Faulkner, Luton Crown Court - Causing death by dangerous driving, submission of no case to answer upheld by Judge.

R v Fiuza, Snaresbrook Crown Court - Importation of £1.2m worth of cocaine

R v Terence Tasker, Canterbury Crown Court - Cocaine importation. Legal argument concerning admissibility of the product of a bug in defendant's car, placed by the Italian authorities, recording conversations in the Netherlands and UK. Led by David Spens QC.

R v Nevins and others, Bristol Crown Court - Leading junior in multi-handed trial concerning allegations of conspiracy to supply Class A drugs, false imprisonment and rape.

R v Clark, Swindon Crown Court - Successful appeal against conviction upon 11 counts of a 26-count indictment containing allegations of historic sex abuse.

R v Seamark, Aylesbury Crown Court - Prison officer accused of taking drugs and telephones into prison.

R v Mackie, Snaresbrook Crown Court - Cannabis factory, not guilty of possession with intent to supply.

R v Haji, Isleworth Crown Court - Possession of firearm and ammunition.

R v Clamp, Luton Crown Court - Attempted murder by son of mother by suffocation.

R v Bayliss, Preston Crown Court - Leading counsel in multi-handed conspiracy to supply Class A drug involving industrial scale importation of cutting agent from China.

R v Bristow, Aylesbury Crown Court - Incestuous rape resulting in a child, led by Isabella Forshall QC.

R v Young, Luton Crown Court - Attempted murder.

R v Durantes, Central Criminal Court - Murder led by David Spens QC.

FINANCIAL CRIME AND CONFISCATION

Crown Court

R v P, Southwark Crown Court - Leading junior in passport fraud conspiracy.

R v Biryah, Luton Crown Court - Leading junior in £5m VAT fraud.

R v Bakonis, Maidstone Crown Court - Prosecution offer no evidence after Defence submissions about the reliability of the evidence in an arson/insurance fraud case.

TRAINING AND SEMINARS

Alistair regularly provides seminars and lectures. Recent topics have included:

Defence statements

Firearms

Abuse of process

EDUCATION

MA (Hons) Glasgow 1983

Dip Law (City University) 1988

Inns of Court School of Law 1989

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

Thames Valley Circuit

Middle Temple

LANGUAGES

French

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