Mustapha Hakme

Junior Counsel -
Above 15 Years
CALLED 2000

Mustapha is a leading junior barrister with a successful criminal defence practice. He specialises mainly in serious violence, fraud, drugs and evasion of duty cases as well as road traffic cases.

Background and Expertise

A barrister with a welcoming manner, Mustapha has extensive experience in dealing with complex and sensitive work. He has appeared as junior counsel in murder and rape cases – and has appeared as leading junior counsel in serious and complex cases involving drugs and violence.

Mustapha has accumulated particular experience over the years in relation to driving offences, and frequently argues 'special reasons' and 'exceptional hardship' in the magistrates' courts.

Mustapha also has a keen interest in advisory work and will draft comprehensive advices upon request. These are not limited to criminal opinions.

He is standing counsel to several embassies in London and has appeared as counsel for major department stores and hotels across the country.

Notable Cases

Drugs

R v Borrero and others

Junior counsel in a case involving importation of 40kg of cocaine.

Snaresbrook Crown Court

Drugs

Financial Crime

R v Sangak and others

Conspiracy involving ‘crash for cash’ insurance frauds.

Maidstone Crown Court

Read more in the Daily Mail

R v Omowera and others

Seven-handed trial for conspiracy to commit mortgage frauds.

Wood Green Crown Court

R v Khalil and others

Seven-handed trial for conspiracy to evade duty.

Wood Green Crown Court

R v Bain and others

Junior counsel in the biggest evasion of duty case ever prosecuted.

Maidstone Crown Court

R v Curley and others

£294,000 tax evasion case.

Coventry Crown Court

Read more in the Coventry Telegraph

Financial Crime

General Crime

R v Marwan Fatah, 2018

Instructed as Leading Junior Counsel leading Drea Becker from chambers representing the leading defendant in an undercover operation launched by HM Customs and Excise which lasted several months. The group were involved in a complex operation to receive raw tobacco leaf from abroad before processing and distributing it to a network of purchasers without paying the duty due thereon. Evidence demonstrated a sophisticated enterprise involving tobacco processing plants, multiple workers, including processors and couriers, and ties to other organised crime groups.

R v Glavin and others

Isleworth Crown Court Six-handed trial for conspiracy to rob.

R v Pink

Snaresbrook Crown Court Junior counsel in a case about fabricated/induced illness.

R v Bhandal and others

Snaresbrook Crown Court Six-handed trial for conspiracy to kidnap.

R v Davis

Assault on officer captured in ‘happy slapping’ video.

Read more on the Daily Mail

R v WJ Daniel Department Store

Judicial review of a test purchase carried out by Windsor Council.

R v Leal and others

Snaresbrook Crown Court case involving the English Defence League.

Crime

Immigration, Nationality and Asylum

R v Adel Jaber and Others, 2022

Leading Drea Becker from chambers in an 8 handed people trafficking case. Only defendant to be acquitted after trial.

Immigration, Nationality and Asylum

Murder and Manslaughter

R v Renee Saint Ange, 2021

Successfully defended in a 4 week 5 handed murder trial. Led by Jane Bickerstaff KC.

Central Criminal Court

R v Imran Boudjellel, 2020

Junior in a 9 week, 6 handed murder trial.

R v Elliot

Attempted murder case. Defendant attacked another male with a 'Rambo'-style hunting knife.

Aylesbury Crown Court

R v Campbell and others

Six-handed cut-throat murder trial.

Central Criminal Court

R v Fejziu and others

Six-handed trial for murder and violent disorder.

Central Criminal Court

R v Saffill

Attempted murder by wife against her husband.

Chelmsford Crown Court

R v Ayeni

Royal Mail postman caught stealing high-value mail on his rounds.

Oxford Crown Court

See Oxford Mail article

Murder and Manslaughter

Rape and Sexual Offences

R v Bejerano

Successfully defended a male nurse accused of sexual assault.

Croydon Crown Court

R v Shawi Attie and others

Appeared as leading junior counsel and secured the only acquittal in the biggest chem sex supply case in the history of the UK.

Read more:

- Standard UK
- Newham Recorder

R v Goulding

Attempted rape of a stranger in her home.

St Albans Crown Court

See article in the Watford Observer

R v Khan

Indecent assault by father on disabled daughter.

Northampton Crown Court

R v Berry and others

Historic rape and indecent assault of children.

Canterbury Crown Court

Rape and Sexual Offences

Violence

R v Woods and others

Eight-handed, cut-throat trial of section 18 GBH and violent disorder.

Winchester Crown Court

R v Martin

Fifteen-handed section 18 GBH and violent disorder.

Winchester Crown Court

Violence

Achievements

Memberships

- Middle Temple (scholarship 1999)

Education

- LLB hons
- LLM, City University
- Dip Law, City University