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Alasdair Campbell is an outstanding advocate, notable for his experience in **criminal** cases involving **financial crime**, violence and **organised crime** and **money laundering**.

Having joined St Pauls Chambers in 2009, Alasdair continues to prosecute and defend in a wide spectrum of Crown Court cases ranging from **homicide** and **fraud** to violent, sexual offences and dishonesty offences both on and off the North Eastern Circuit. He also has extensive experience in **Proceeds of Crime** and **Money Laundering** investigations arising out of his developing **Fraud** practice.

Alasdair has a wealth of experience in **Trading Standards prosecutions**

Alasdair's ability to think both practically and commercially is reflected in both his preparation and presentation of cases.

Expertise

Homicide

Notable Homicide cases

R v Adam Briggs - Sheffield Crown Court

Defending a murder – shooting of girlfriend by jilted ex and his subsequent suicide. Question was whether the defendant's prior involvement with ex was sufficient to amount to joint enterprise. The extent of his involvement in preparation was crucial.

R v Ashley Hanson & Sean Stobbs - Leeds Crown Court

2 handed murder prosecution. Complex medical and causation of death issues. Cut-throat defence.

R v Michael Faulkner - Sheffield Crown Court

Manslaughter by injection of heroin to a friend. Causation of death a live issue given that witnesses had seen deceased self-injecting. Toxicology questions. Awkward joinder arguments as wife was a witness in one set of allegations and a co-accused in another. Sentence Appeal.

Financial & Corporate Crime

Notable Financial & Corporate Crime cases

Operation - Preston Crown Court

Defending an accountant and Company Secretary in a fraud in which the defendant was said to have played an integral part in the formation and management of a company which was then used as a vehicle for fraud by others.

R v Jeanne Trutch - Winchester Crown Court

Defending allegation of perverting the course of justice arising out of a £35m fraud/theft from Sheik Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum of Dubai. Acceptance of bribes from multinational companies tendering for contracts. Re-investments of bribes into companies. Directors' duties considered. Subsequent civil recovery process whereby numerous affidavits sworn. Veracity of affidavits central to allegation. Complex legal professional privilege issues. Disclosure of evidence from Dubai and USA. European Article 6 issues. Preparatory hearing argument. Ruling resulted in Court of Appeal hearing. Potential cut-throat with husband (also prosecuted) to contend with. Proceeds of crime.

R v Roobik Mirzabegi & Others - Leeds Crown Court

Prosecuting a multi-handed MOT fraud. Conspiracy to defraud VOSA, the public and car dealerships. Complex hearsay issues involving evidence of those that pleaded guilty and / or turned Queens Evidence. Conduct of Police during investigation and subsequent disclosure issues. VOSA records and admissibility thereof. Money laundering (international element). Proceeds of Crime.

R v Jennifer Gleed & Others - Bradford Crown Court

Defending a conspiracy to produce £5m worth of counterfeit perfume, CDs and clothing. Extent of participation/involvement. Conspiracy to commit a crime in a foreign jurisdiction and issues arising thereof. Proceeds of crime. PII issues and applications.

R v James Pearson - Divisional Court

Judicial review of decision by Leeds Magistrates Court.

Trading Standards

Notable Trading Standards cases

Operation Angel 2 - Manchester Crown Court

Leading Prosecuting Counsel in 6 week, multi-handed National Trading Standards prosecution and subsequent Proceeds of Crime Act recovery against, amongst

others Vance Miller, a self-styled kitchen guru. Charged with conspiracy to defraud customers of various kitchen companies, presentation of the case involved distilling a vast amount of witness, expert and documentary evidence into a manageable amount that could more easily be followed by a jury. The POCA proceedings were complex involving the first successful UK application to recover from an absconded and un-convicted defendant.

Complex Crime and Sexual Offences

Alasdair Campbell is an experienced barrister who has undertaken a broad range of criminal and sexual offences cases, acting for both the prosecution and the defence. His criminal practice includes serious offences such as drug trafficking, violent assaults, and firearms cases. In the realm of sexual offences, he has dealt with complex and sensitive matters including historic sexual abuse, rape, and indecent images. Alasdair has represented clients in both Crown Court trials and appellate proceedings, often involving vulnerable witnesses and legally intricate issues.

Appointments

- Grade 4 General Crime