

John Lucas

YEAR OF CALL 1998

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Career Overview

John is a busy barrister and a well respected practitioner who can boast having over 21 years of experience in practice in a wide range of criminal work (both prosecution and defence) and some areas of civil work. He has received commendations by numerous members of the Judiciary and is well know for being an extremely effective “jury advocate”. He also has a very good reputation in terms how thoroughly he prepares cases. In terms of career progression John is rapidly becoming recognised as one of Londons’ finest jury advocates. With an impressive track record of winning cases, John is often instructed as lead junior in the most challenging of cases. Examples of the type of work John undertakes are: complex fraud, murder and attempted murder, rapes and sexual assaults, drugs and money laundering and organised crime. John has appeared and advised in a variety of contested cases in the Crown Court, Court of Appeal and the High Court.

John has a special ability to deal with cases which require a careful eye to detail, and which involve, experts, including forensic accountants, computers, telephones and I.T. In terms of Johns’ approach to cases, he is a strategist, ‘who will always find an angle’. Johns’ quick thinking and natural advocacy talent make him a lethal cross-examiner who is able to

take a witness apart within minutes of them stepping into the witness box.

In terms of client care, John is dedicated to the end often spending more time than is even necessary to ensure that ‘no stone is left unturned.’ He is also extremely good at putting clients at ease and is known for his perseverance and seeing cases to the end.

Area of Practice

- Crime
- Financial crime including large scale fraud and fraud generally
- Sexual offences across the spectrum
- POCA & Forfeiture
- Regulatory work
- Organised Crime
- Drug related crime
- Road Traffic Cases
- Prosecutions brought by local authorities
- General Civil work including contractual obligations, FTT work including breaches of covenant, and forfeiture claims and PI work.

Direct Access

John accepts instructions via “direct access”

Notable Cases

R v Malaki Murray & others- Woolwich Crown Court - (large scale drugs and money laundering operation 2019)

“Thank God for John LucasI know I’m lucky to have him as my barrister” (case continues ..)

R v Khai TRAN & others (Preston Crown Court 2018) – (large scale cannabis production case and money laundering)

“Mr Lucas handled each witness brilliantly..he was an excellent listener and looked after me during the trial and I cannot praise him enough..his attention to detail was incredible ..”

R v Simret IYASU -2018 – Isleworth Crown Court - Firearms

Large scale firearms trial- allegation of money laundering and stocking and supplying a large number of dangerous firearms. Mr IYASU (father of accused): “I’ve got my son backyou’ve given me back my son ..he is born again – I can’t express how grateful I am to you Mr Lucas...you’ve changed everything..”

R v Mohammed Quadir & others – 2018 - Birmingham Crown Court – (large scale drugs supply and money laundering)

“Mr Lucas was the boldest advocate ’, I’m so happy that the jury found me not guilty”....

R v Georgina Alleyne – Croydon Crown Court – (possession of firearms... 2017 result of suspended sentence)

□“I can’t thank you enough for giving me John Lucas as my barrister...he was always re-assuring and I thought my whole life was collapsing ...he handled the case brilliantly...”

R v Manuel Antougia – Inner London Crown Court (Sexual Assault... 2017 unanimous verdict of not guilty)

“You saved my life Mr Lucas ...thank you so much...”

R v Jaider Periera – Kingston Crown Court 2017 (Sexual Activity with a child -unanimous verdict of not guilty)

“The way you handled the witnesses was brilliant I can’t express my gratitude to you ...I was facing a lifetime of misery...”

R v Bobby Melrose – Cambridge Crown Court ... (Rape Allegation 2016 – unanimous verdict)

”John practically save my life...he was brilliant in every and had the jury eating out of his hand.... I was so worried that my life was going to come to an end and that I’d never see my son again but John changed that.....I now have my life back ...and I’m seeing my son and all thanks to John”

R v Jason Farinas & others – Wood Green Crown Court - Murder

Attempted Murder allegation 2015 along with 8 co-defendants, lead counsel ...first trial hung jury ...re-trial unanimous not guilty verdict by jury. “John is a brilliant barrister ... we can’t thank him enough ...he has been dedicated to the end and had done a brilliant job...” (Family of Jason Farinas)

R v B Mohammed – Harrow Crown Court ... (s.18 GBH allegation 2016)

□“The case started badly and John had only just got the papers but by the 2nd day he turned the case upside down on its head in my favour and against the prosecution and we started winning...from there it was better and better in my favour until we won the case...I’m very grateful to John ...”

2017 - R v Renroy Johnson Attempted Murder at Wolverhampton Crown Court

Case of nationwide publicity.

2017 - Mohammed Ali, K Hussein (& others) – Sexual Risk Prevention Order

Involving 4 defendants at Birmingham Magistrates Court;

2016 – R v Pierzhada Khan - Murder

murder trial involving 6 defendants lead by Tyrone Smith QC at Birmingham Crown Court.

2016 - Lauma Vankova (& others) Large scale fraud and money laundering trial which involved 4 defendants

Lead counsel (leading Thomas McGarvey) and prosecuted by Greg Perrins (now HHJ Perrins at Wood Green Crown Court).

2016 - R v John Burnley – Cambridge Crown Court

Extremely unusual trial involving rape of a grandchild;

2016 – Foysool Ahmed (& others)

Local authority prosecution at Stafford Crown Court involving 9 defendants – case of large scale publicity;

2015 - R v Robert Bailey (& others)

Exceptionally large multi-handed trial involving 13 defendants of child abuse at Warwick Crown Court.

2014 - R v Leon Pacquette – Central Criminal Court - Murder

3 week murder trial led by James Scobie QC.

2014 - R v Jason Farinas (& others) - Murder

Lead Counsel in 9 handed attempted murder trial at Wood Green Crown Court co-defending with Lee Karu QC (for the second defendant). A commendation received from the Learned Trial Judge (HHJ F. Morrison who is now retired).

2013 - R v Blandford – Worcester Crown Court

Serious Crime Prevention Order involving 5 million pounds.

Memberships

Professional Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Honorary Member of Middle Temple Inn

Education

- B.A Hons (Oxford)
- P.G LLB Hons (City University)

Other Information

Hobbies and Interests

John is a keen tennis player at club level and enjoys working out.

In terms of interests John enjoys cooking, travelling, learning new languages (he is fluent in French, German and Armenian

and reading history of old cars, buses and pubs and whatever else he can.

