

## Narinder Sekhon

Call: 2000

## Crime

Narinder Sekhon's practice reflects a mixture of criminal matters, and he undertakes both prosecution and defence work. Throughout his career, Narinder has acquired specialised knowledge of matters involving cell-site analysis involving mobile-phone technology, scrutinising forensic accounts, DNA evidence, and analysing specialist medical reports. Often it is through his persistence in ensuring the proper service of prosecution disclosure that dismantles the heart of the prosecutions case.

Narinder's practice is exclusively serious crime and invariably acts as leading counsel due to the complexities of the matters in which he is instructed. Many of his cases have a cross border dimension and he is always willing to assist his instructing solicitors in retrieving evidence from foreign jurisdictions. Narinder has an underlying passion to ensure fairness is delivered and has a reputation for pursuing this both at first instance and at a higher level. Many of his cases have attracted media publicity.

"Winning legal arguments is his forte... Mr Sekhon fights tooth and nail for his clients.... A closing-speech specialist."

### Notable cases

- R v Hoque 2017 Secured an acquittal in a multi handed conspiracy in which non-halal turkey meat was
  dishonestly sold and labeled to give the appearance of halal boneless lamb. A 'cut throat' defence which
  attracted daily media coverage.
- R v Haynes 2017 Successfully defended the accused (first on the indictment) in what was described as a
   'gangland style' attempted murder and possession of firearms with intent to endanger life.
- R v Butoy 2016 (Operation Elder)— Secured an acquittal in a 'Milti Million Pound' immigration fraud involving the creating and using of false documents, perverting the course of justice, and assisting unlawful immigration by providing the illegal supply of labour to conglomerate, multi-national and corporate organisations.
- R v Egan 2016 (Operation Ogun) Large scale operation involving millions of pounds of criminal money generated from highly organised, conveyor-belt prostitution on a commercial scale.
- R v Kandola 2015 (Operation Albatros) A drugs gang headed by a mastermind who ran the plot from prison (despite his illness) and recruited a self-taught chemist to set up a lab to make the highly addictive drug crystal meth. The case was likened in the Sun and Daily Mirror newspapers to the US TV show 'Breaking Bad'.
- R v Sembhi 2015 (Operation Calzone) large scale drugs dealing operation involving supply across
  Lancashire, East Midlands and Northamptonshire. 77 year old defendant suffering from Mental disorder and
  cognitive impairment.
- R v Hafeez 2014 Child-grooming and sexual activity with a child under the age of 16. Only acquittal in a 6-handed, 12-count case.
- R v B Samra 2014 A 'cash for crash' fraud involving 50 defendants concerning bogus claims for personal
  injuries caused in staged car accidents.
- R v Akbar 2013 Sham marriage case involving women acting as brides from Eastern Europe flown to Islamabad for bogus weddings with men who could then apply to live in the UK under European open border



Education:

LLB (Hons) Law

Bar Vocational Course (Manchester)

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- R v Margaret Brewer & Others 2013 Large scale violent disorder and unlawful wounding case involving the
  use of knuckledusters and knives.
- R v Ozkan Duyan 2013 (Operation Untangle) Involving large scale, multimillion pound commercial importation of class A drugs from Holland.
- R v Akhtar 2012 Mr Sekhon successfully defended his client whom was accused of a brutal marital rape. The
  case involved scrutinising the immigration rules on indefinite leave to remain.
- R v A Khan 2012 The case concerned over 200 stolen cars which were cut down into individual parts and taken out of the UK to countries like Jordan and Afghanistan.
- R v Arif 2012 Involving a transatlantic gun smuggling operation. The gang imported glock 26 pistols and semi-automatic guns concealed within electrical equipment. They were indicted with possessing firearms with intent to endanger life and the importation of firearms. Mr Sekhon successfully argued against the imposition of indeterminate prison sentences.
- R v Z Mir 2012 (Operation Erasure) Only one to be acquitted after a trial in a £120million MTIC fraud (carousel fraud).
- R v Rizvi 2012 Acquittal in a multimillion pound money laundering operation involving well known chains of restaurants across Yorkshire.
- R v V Singh 2010/2011 Acquittal in a people-trafficking case. The allegations were human trafficking, ill, inhumane and degrading treatment, slave labour, force, deception, threats and exploitation.
- R v Mahay 2010 Large scale fraud against high street banks across West Yorkshire. It was alleged that
  employees of the banks had conspired with others in which to deprive high net worth customers of their
  savings. Mahay was the only defendant not to receive a prison sentence having argued the defence of
  'Duress' through her trial.
- R v Hussain 2009 Secured an acquittal in an attempted Murder in a revenge shooting by defendants whom it
  was described 'thought they were untouchable and could intimidate or buy their way out of any situation'.
- R v Khan 2008 Successfully defended the conspiracy to commit murder and threats to kill of a 25 year old
  man that was attacked by a gang as he played football with his friends.

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# Personal Injury

Narinder Sekhon practices in personal-injury matters for either claimant or defendant, and is happy to accept instructions on a conditional fee agreement. He regularly provides advice and opinions on quantum and prospects of success in road traffic claims and employer's liability.

Narinder has an extremely approachable character and is always willing to accommodate wherever possible.

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# Regulatory & Public

Narinder has acted for individual appellants in immigration and asylum matters. He has experience in handling appeals before the Immigration Appeal Tribunal as well as both advising and conducting judicial review matters.

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