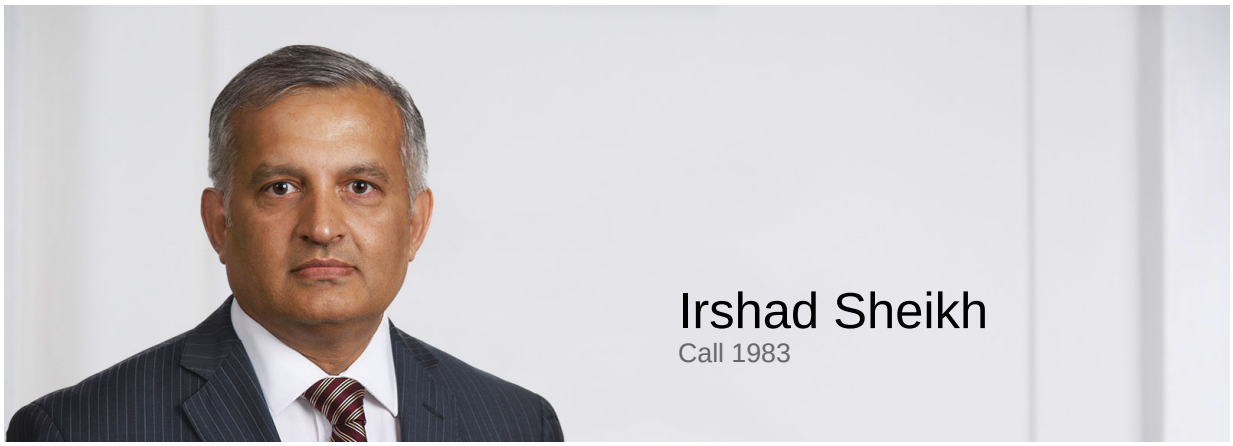

Irshad Sheikh

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Practice Profile

Irshad Sheikh is a specialist crime and fraud practitioner. He is an advocate of considerable experience and is frequently instructed in complex, multi-defendant cases as a leading junior.

Irshad has substantial experience of defending and prosecuting in a wide range of offences of the utmost seriousness involving violence; tobacco and alcohol importations; the large-scale supply of drugs and money laundering. In cases of rape and serious sexual offences Irshad's expertise is second-to-none.

He has defended and prosecuted in the most high profile of cases in the Crown Court and appeared in the Court of Appeal on many occasions.

Irshad has also acquired an enviable reputation in disciplinary and regulatory matters, having represented officers of all seniority in police disciplinary proceedings and professionals accused of misconduct and facing disciplinary proceedings before their respective disciplinary bodies.

Irshad has a special interest in serious fraud and is instructed in both private and publicly funded fraud matters. His work in this area has led to the representation of defendants in POCA proceedings, where multi-million pond confiscation orders are sought.

Irshad's Privacy Policy can be downloaded here.

Areas of Practice

- Appellate
- Public Access
- Military Law
- Prosecution
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Inquests
- Homicide
- General Crime
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences
- Terrorism

Recent Cases

Operation Digamy - R v AK & Ors [Snaresbrook] 2018

Multi-handed Class A Drugs Conspiracy

Irshad Sheikh led Ria Banerjee defending D1 in a multi-handed five week Class A drugs conspiracy. D1 was regarded as the leader and wholesale supplier of multiple kilos. The trial lasted five weeks and involved extensive surveillance evidence, probe recordings, call and cell site data.

R v. A [Southwark] 2017

Facilitating entry to UK of teenage girl for exploitation

Irshad Sheikh prosecuted this 50 year old job centre fraud worker who was found guilty after trial of arranging the entry into the UK of a 13 year old girl whom she kept as a personal slave and made to work 16 hours a day for 11 years.

Daily Mail report here.

Operation Volmar [Croydon] 2016

Conspiracies to Facilitate illegal entry

Irshad Sheikh defended in this substantial conspiracy to obtain vast sums from local authorities and individuals through carers recruited in breach of immigration law and the consequent laundering of the criminal proceeds . Instructed by EBR Attridge.

R v. A.N [Newcastle] 2016

Gang Rape

Irshad Sheikh successfully appeared for the defence in this high profile case alleging the gang rape of an 18 year old girl by 6 males.Instructed by Thomas Boyd Whyte.

R v. CO [Croydon] 2016

PayPal Fraud

Irshad Sheikh acted in this prosecution of a multi-million pound fraud on PayPal where the defendant played a leading role in an organised crime network perpetrating this substantial fraud. The defendant, with others, was able to compromise about two hundred PayPal customers' accounts by gaining access to their security details, causing a multimillion pound loss to the company.

G.M.C. v Dr K 2015

Sexual Misconduct with patient

Irshad Sheik was successful in his defence of this Doctor who faced charges of sexual misconduct before his professional body. Direct Access Client.

R v. AS & 17ors [Cambridge] 2015

conspiracy to supply class A and B drugs

Irshad Sheikh defended in this conspiracy to supply class A and B drugs – a case involving many hours of covert audio recordings and over 50,000 pages of statements and documentary exhibits.Instructed by Bailey Nicholson Grayson.

R v. TH [Newcastle] 2015

Historic Sex Abuse

Irshad Sheikh successfully appeared for the defence, a 79 year old care home manager, accused of historic sexual offences of the utmost depravity upon his daughter in 1960's. Instructed by Thomas Boyd Whyte.

R v. K & ors [Bristol] 2015

Manufacture of Crystal Meth

Irshad Sheikh was lead Counsel for this defendant in the 5 month Bristol "Breaking Bad" trial involving the production and manufacture of industrial quantities of crystal meth. Instructed by HP Gower.

BBC News Report here.

Army v. SB [Osnabruck] 2015

Sexual Activity with a Child

Irshad Sheikh successfully represented this senior army officer accused of sexual activity with a child, despite huge quantity of "incriminating" text mesages. [Osnabruck, Germany]

R v. T.N & ors [Wood Green] 2014

Conspiracy to Steal High Value Motor Vehicles

Irshad Sheikh represented this defendant on a Long running Wood Green trial involving a large-scale conspiracy to steal £10m worth of high value motor vehicles such Range Rovers and Ferrari's.

Notable Cases

R v. H & ors [Croydon] 2011

Tax Fraud

Irshad Sheikh was instructed as the lead advocate in this multimillion pound cheat on the public revenue in a VHCC ('Very High Cost Case') involving the service of over 80,000 pages – allegation of cheating the public revenue by creating and submitting false tax returns and thereby dishonestly obtaining tax repayments from HMRC. Regarded as a protracted, substantial, and serious attack on the United Kingdom income tax system.

R v. JS [C.C.C.] 2011

Murder.

Irshad Sheikh was lead counsel in case of murder and double attempted murder by asylum seeker. The case concerned the savage beating by the defendant of three men whilst they were in a drunken slumber in a sheltered area of a cemetery in Ilford. The violent attack resulted in the death of one and the others receiving severe, life-threatening injuries.

R v. B & ors [Cardiff] 2009

Credit Card Fraud

Irshad Sheikh was Lead counsel in substantial fraud on credit card companies (VHCC). – allegation of the cloning and use of credit cards and the obtaining of goods and services on a massive scale.Instructed by Eversheds LLP.

R v. M & ors [Winchester] 2007

Bank Fraud

Irshad Sheikh was instructed as the Leading junior in this Conspiracy to defraud the National Westminster Bank plc – a case involving identity theft and the compromising of bank accounts on a wide and substantial basis.

R v. H & ors [Southwark] 2005

Royal Mail Fraud

Irshad Sheikh was Lead counsel in this Multi-handed mail dumping VHCC fraud –widely reported case involving a company that made millions of pounds by dumping letters and parcels that it was paid to deliver by Royal Mail. Among the 360,000 items that were binned were hospital blood test results, university acceptance letters and charity mail.