



Ciju Puthuppally

Call: 2017

Ciju Puthuppally joined Chambers in October 2019 following successful completion of his pupillage.

He has gained experience in a wide range of cases covering all areas of Chambers' expertise, including crime, extradition and MLA, judicial review, police discipline, public inquiries, inquests, licensing, and regulatory law.

Crime

Ciju appears regularly in the Magistrates' Courts, Youth Courts, and the Crown Court in relation to a wide range of offences. He has also appeared before the Military Court.

Ciju has a particular interest in white collar crime and POCA cases. During pupillage, he assisted with the defence case in the SFO's prosecution of four Barclays executives in connection with their capital raisings during the 2007 financial crisis. Before coming to the Bar, he worked as a paralegal acting for a high-profile company in a multi-national investigation into corruption in the Middle East.

Proceeds of crime

Ciju has acted successfully for the Metropolitan Police in both the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court in POCA cash forfeiture applications and appeals. He has also successfully represented the defence against both Account Freezing Orders and Account Forfeiture Orders. As junior counsel to Simon Farrell QC, he persuaded HMRC to set aside Account Freezing Orders in respect of over £3 million, and helped secure favourable court findings in relation to HMRC's decision

to pursue an ex parte application and its inadequate pre-application investigations.

Ciju is also acting as junior counsel on high-value High Court cash forfeiture and civil recovery cases concerning money exchange services, and on two multi-million pound confiscation appeals before the Court of Appeal.

In addition, Ciju has particular experience dealing with the intersection between POCA proceedings and civil claims against banks. He is currently acting in a challenge to a bank's suspension and closure of accounts in connection with Suspicious Activity Reports, and has also advised successfully on liaising with a bank to secure the release of suspended funds.

Ciju is co-author of the Lexis PSL practice note on restraint orders.

Civil & quasi-criminal matters

Ciju is regularly instructed by the Metropolitan Police on applications for closure orders, sexual risk orders, sexual harm prevention orders, and stalking protection orders. He also has particular experience dealing with gang injunctions involving sensitive evidence in the County Court, and with related contempt proceedings.

Public law, inquests and inquiries

Ciju accepts instructions across all areas of public law. He has advised on numerous issues relating to judicial review, the scope of regulators' powers and human rights. He has also acted in an inquest concerning the response of emergency services to calls for assistance.

In addition, Ciju gained extensive experience of public law and human rights cases during the course of pupillage. Notable matters on which he assisted include:

- **El-Gizouli v SSHD** (concerning the provision to the USA of evidence that was likely to lead to the imposition of the death penalty on members of Isis);
- the question of a public inquiry into allegations of rendition and torture by the security services after 9/11;
- the Undercover Policing Inquiry;
- the Inquest arising from the 2017 London Bridge Terrorist Attack.

Prior to joining chambers, Ciju was ranked joint-first for Judicial Review during his bar course and third for Public Law at Cambridge University. He has also interned at the European Court of Human Rights where he drafted single-judge judgments.

Extradition and mutual legal assistance

Ciju has acted for requested persons in extradition proceedings involving a wide range of issues encompassing human rights, convictions in absentia, delay, abuse of process and expert evidence. During pupillage, he assisted on the case of Julian Assange.

Ciju has also worked on matters concerning requests for mutual legal assistance both during and after pupillage.

Licensing and regulatory law

Ciju accepts instructions in licensing and regulatory matters. He acts for the Metropolitan Police in contested premises licence hearings, and is regularly instructed by Transport for London in licensing appeals. He has also assisted other members of Chambers on matters concerning alcohol licensing and nuisance.

Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum

United Kingdom Environmental Law Association

UK Centre for Animal Law

Education

BPTC (BPP University) – Outstanding (ranked third nationally at BPP and joint-first for Judicial Review)

LLM (Cambridge) – First Class (ranked first for Legislation)

BA in Law (Cambridge) – Double First Class (ranked third for Public Law and Contract Law)

Scholarships and prizes

Second Place, Kalisher Trust Essay Prize 2018 on corporate criminal liability

Winner, UK Environmental Law Association Essay Prize 2017 on Brexit

Best Orator and Winning Team, ELSA Moot in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg 2016
Finalist, Cambridge Blackstone's De Smith Moot 2014
Finalist, International Criminal Court Moot 2013
Winner, Cambridge Quadrant Moot 2012

Downing College Senior Harris Scholarship
BPP Scholarship
Lincoln's Hardwicke Award

Publications

LexisPSL Practice Notes on Restraint Orders (co-author: Nicholas Yeo)

Working in partnership: a new approach to economic crime (2018) *Financier Worldwide* (co-authors: Alison Levitt QC and Gareth Minty)

New test for criminal dishonesty: all bets are off (2017) *Practical Law* (co-authors: Jo Rickards et al)

Asserting and maintaining privilege in SFO investigations (2017) *The Law Society* (co-author: Jo Rickards)

Science, Expertise and Due Deference [2014] *King's Student Law Review* Vol.5(2)

The Human Rights Act 1998 s.2(1) Taken into Account [2013] *UK Law Students' Review* Vol.1(2)

Other Information

Before starting pupillage, Ciju worked as a litigation paralegal in Mishcon de Reya's White Collar Crime & Investigations team. He assisted on many of the firm's major cross-border cases concerning bribery, fraud, POCA proceedings, private prosecutions, extradition and regulatory issues.

Ciju has also worked as legal assistant for an environmental NGO and spent a month assisting a criminal defence barrister in India. He has interned at the European Court of Human Rights, the Council of Europe, and the Public International Law & Policy Group where he worked on legal issues regarding the conflicts in Libya, Syria and Yemen.