

Siza Agha

Call: 1994



Siza Agha has been instructed as leading junior counsel in an array of long multi-handed trials for over 10 years and therefore brings with him a vast amount of experience dealing with the most complex cases.

Siza is instructed on several cases involving “*Encrochat*” arising out of *Operation Venetic* and is considering the legality of the intercepted material in the UK, France and the Netherlands as well as the integrity, reliability and general admissibility of the product that the NCA are currently serving as evidence. Siza has previously been instructed and successfully challenged the use of similar material in cases involving interception of conversation from prison, admissibility of probe material authorised in the UK but generated in Europe and the taping of legally privileged conversations at police stations.

Siza has been involved in extensive advisory work that includes a group of ex-premiership players who had been victims of an extensive “Ponzi fraud” and an English businessman in Dubai on talking a private prosecution against his wife and daughter.

Siza also advises extensively on sporting matters in football and athletics. He has been registered as an agent/intermediary at the Football Association and an IAAF Athlete Representative for over 10 years. He has represented premier players/clubs and high profile international athletes. He has advised and appeared in disciplinary, selection and dispute resolution tribunals in a number of sports from MMA to Ice skating and has been quoted extensively in the media on many sporting matters. Siza was lawyer of the week in *The Times* for his work with Dwain Chambers.

Financial Crime

Siza is regularly instructed in multi-handed matters concerning financial crime. He is regularly instructed as Leading Counsel in complex cases.

Notable Financial Crime cases

- **R v Ditchfield-Lepp**
Fraudulent trading.
- **Operation Mamba**
£13 million mobile telephone fraud.
- **Operation Belgium**
Money laundering – case stayed collateral challenge.
- **R v Radford**
Supply and manufacture of counterfeit coins.

Crime

Siza has built a long and established practice defending those charged with offences such as murder, attempted murder, money laundering and drugs offences.

Notable Crime cases

- **R v Gripshi**
International money laundering and drugs involving one of largest seizures.
- **R v Mohammad**
Conspiracy to murder.
- **R v White & Others**
International drugs and money laundering.
- **R v Okpala**
Murder case involving anonymity of witnesses.

Notable Cases

Current & Recent Cases

Operation Cranfield

Multi-handed conspiracy to import and supply of cocaine brought in speciality adapted hides in a Robinson Helicopter at Southwark Crown Court.

Operation Globemaster

Multi-handed conspiracy to manufacture and supply of counterfeit passports at Inner London Crown Court.

Operation Chapman

Multi-handed conspiracy to supply machine guns at Harrow Crown Court.

Operation Varangi

Multi-handed at Blackfriars Crown. High profile case involving extensive importation of Class A drugs in the roof of a Bentley.

R v M

Represented the principal defendant in a multi handed international people trafficking case involving extensive surveillance and audio probe material.

Operation Zurna

Multi-handed conspiracy to manufacture and supply credit cards at Inner London Crown Court.

Operation Pearlwart

Conspiracy to supply class A drugs. Case involved extensive surveillance operation with defendant having 52 mobile phones over a period of 18 months at Snaresbrook Crown Court.

Operation Tallassee/Wheeler

Multi-handed conspiracy to supply class A drugs and money laundering at the Central Criminal Court.

Operation Kernow

Multi-handed drugs conspiracy at the Kingston Crown Court.

Operation Mudde

Multi-handed conspiracy to supply class A drugs at Kingston Crown Court.

R v K

Multi-handed conspiracy to rob at the Central Criminal Court – planned robberies involving firearms.

B Oil

Multi-handed Trading Standards prosecution at Blackfriars Crown Court.

R v K

Multi-handed Diversion fraud and money laundering at the Leicester Crown Court.

E Group

Multi-handed Trading Standards Prosecution at Birmingham Crown Court.

R v P

Multi-handed international cannabis importation.

Reported Cases

R v Mary Druhan

Miscarriage of Justice Case. Reference to the Court of Appeal by the CCRC.

R v Randel [2004] 1 All ER 467

The test for bad character material being adduced by a co-defendant in a cut-throat defences.

R v Hayes [2002] All ER (D) 06 (Aug)

Reference from CCRC on the scope of intention in murder and recklessness.

Fraud

R v Ditchfield-Lepp

Fraudulent trading

Operation Mamba

£13 million mobile telephone fraud

Operation Belgium

Money laundering – case stayed collateral challenge

R v Radford

Supply and manufacture of counterfeit coins

R v Ayyildiz

Money laundering £200 million

Operation Stamford

Credit card fraud

Operation Birhakeim

Conspiracy to defraud

Operation Trinity

Mortgage fraud and money laundering

Operation Effare

National Crime Squad fraud case

Operation Figural

Conspiracy to manufacture and supply counterfeit passport to undercover officers.

Operation Nail

Conspiracy to defraud banks

Operation Minneola

Manufacture and supply of counterfeit passports – largest seizure in the UK

Other

R v Gripshi

International money laundering and drugs involving one of largest seizures.

R v Mohammad

Conspiracy to murder

R v White & Others

International drugs and money laundering.

R v Okpala [Central Criminal Court]

Murder case involving anonymity of witnesses

R v Fitzgerald [Central Criminal Court]

Multi-handed murder case

Operation Pauldings

Case involving “supergrass” (section 73 SOCPA procedure) admissibility re “coaching of witnesses”)

R v D

A case involving informants

R v Goren

International money laundering and drugs

R v West

Large scale importation of Class B drugs in halon gas canisters

R v Aksu

Importation of £60 million of heroin)

R v Turgut

Conspiracy to import heroin and money laundering – trial lasted nine months

R v Hamilton

Manufacture and supply of firearms

The Appeal of Mary Druhan

Murder conviction referred back by the CCRC

The Appeal of Terence Brett

Conviction referred back from 1963

R v Haghikiriaku

Undercover operation involving steroids

R v Flourentzous

VAT evasion on cigarettes

R v Potter

Perverting the course of justice

R v Aderdour

Quadruple murder

R v Adan

Importation of 200kg heroin

Operation Pancrack

Distribution and supply of heroin – admissibility of prison tape material)

Operation Dottery

Distribution and supply of heroin

R v Downes & Others

Supplying 2 tonnes of cannabis – abuse of process – case stayed manipulation of the disclosure)

R v Sutherland & Others

Conspiracy to murder – case stayed breach of legal privilege)

R v Sentence v Others

Conspiracy to supply heroin – case stayed breach of legal privilege)

Operation Casino

Customs & Excise – Class A and B drugs

Appeal of Dennis Hayes

CCRC appeal – murder from 1984 – development on the law of intention

R v Randall [House of Lords Appeal]

Murder case – extent to which co-defendants can be cross-examined as to character

Operation Bright

200kg Class A drugs

Operation Galaxy

Conspiracy to supply Class A and B drugs and **Operation Min.** Conspiracy to murder. Both of these cases involve taping of solicitors/client conferences and abuse of process

Operation Casino

Conspiracy to supply class A and B drugs

Operation Abetted

Supplying 200 kg of heroin

R v Long & Others

Importation of 400 kg of heroin

Operation Cloverbank

Conspiracy to supply Class A and B drugs

Operation Ocre

Leading junior counsel in a human trafficking case

Operation IBSOSS

Operation Trident case – shooting in a nightclub)

Operation Sleave

Leading junior in a drugs case

Operation Themis

15 handed – selling drugs to undercover officers

R v Yilmaz

Drugs – PII – special counsel and abuse of process

R v Jacobs

Operation Trident case – supplying ammunition and firearms to undercover officers

Memberships

- British Association of Sports & Law

Education

- Post graduate certificate in sports law
- LLB