

## 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 has advised extensively on sporting matters in particular football and athletics. He has represented/advised players/mangers/clubs across the whole football pyramid, high profile international athletes and a number of other sports people. He has advised and appeared in disciplinary, selection and dispute resolution matters in a number of sports from MMA to Ice skating and has been quoted extensively in the media on many sporting matters. He has been registered as an agent/intermediary at the Football Association and an IAAF Athlete Representative for many years. Siza was featured as ‘lawyer of the week’ in The Times for his work in sport.

## 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

- **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 Tallasee/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

### **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

## Other Information

- Accredited PDSL mediator, January 2021

# Privacy Statement

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6. ombudsmen and regulatory authorities;
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