



## Laureen Husain

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Extensive experience in cases of a serious nature often involving complex issues of law. Highly regarded for her expertise in representing vulnerable defendants and those charged with serious sexual offences. Enjoys an excellent reputation for her ability to deal sensitively and skillfully clients suffering from learning disability and mental health difficulties.

She has developed particular expertise in successfully conducting trials where insanity is the principal issue. A significant proportion of her practice involves cases of considerable sensitivity, such as allegations of serious harm against children and sexual offences involving young complainants and has a recognised aptitude for representing young person's facing serious offences.

### Cases

#### Criminal Defence

**R v A** – Defending a religious teacher charged with sexual offences against three students aged between 8 – 11. All three child witnesses were cross-examined. Defendant was acquitted.

**R v G** – Defendant charged with false imprisonment against his mother where violence was perpetrated with a knife. Defence of insanity raised. Jury found him not guilty by reason of insanity.

**R v R** – Attempted murder where complex medical evidence featured (included reports from consultant psychiatrists, consultant neurologist).

**R v N** – Father charged with causing serious harm to his 2 month old baby. The baby suffered seven different fractures to his ribs. Careful analysis of phone evidence, consideration of unused in relation to medical evidence (consultant paediatrician and radiologists) led to a basis of plea being submitted. Defendant was sentenced to a suspended sentence.

**R v SB** – 19 year old with severe learning difficulties charged with sexual assault of a stranger (aged 13). Identification from Facebook and various breaches of code where identification was disputed. Legal arguments resulted in the Crown offering no evidence.

#### Criminal Prosecution

Defendant charged with S18 where he used his car as a weapon and ran over two people. After conference with CPS lawyer and OIC the CCTV, the evidence was presented in such a way that it resulted the defendant in changing his plea to guilty.



## **Fraud & Financial Crime**

In a multi-handed money laundering case defended a senior fire officer. Submission of no case was successful after 6 weeks of evidence.

## **Professional Memberships**

- Essex Bar Mess Representative on the South Eastern Circuit Committee
- Member of Bar Representation Committee Lincoln's Inn
- Co-chair of the Social and Wellbeing Committee Lincoln's Inn
- Member of Criminal Bar Association

## **Awards, Qualifications & Other**

- Grade 2 CPS Counsel