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John Coates is an established criminal advocate who practices exclusively in the Crown Court and Appellate Courts.

His background is in general common law and includes many years' experience in conducting serious and challenging cases, including multi-handed prosecutions. He is also instructed by the Special Casework and Appeals Department of the Crown Prosecution Service to draft written arguments and appear for the Respondent in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division).

Expertise

Crime Fraud

Notable Crime Fraud cases

R v. SA [2014] (Snaresbrook Crown Court)

commercial internet fraud targeting Transport for London's online and Oyster card ticketing system.

R v. YP [2017] (Canterbury Crown Court)

fraud by abuse of position by a primary school headteacher employed by Kent County Council.

Crime Organised

Notable Crime Organised cases

R v. MC [2018] (Chelmsford Crown Court)

unlawful immigration to EU Member State. An organised people smuggling operation in which non-European Union citizens from Afghanistan were transported by lorry from The Netherlands to Harwich Port (UK).

R v. DH [2010] (Central Criminal Court)

series of organised armed robberies targeting vulnerable adults with significant mental health conditions residing in supported local authority accommodation.

R v. AJ [2011] (Wood Green Crown Court)

series of organised firearms robberies of public houses and restaurants in North London (a Flying Squad investigation).

R v. EM [2015] (Canterbury Crown Court)

organised importations of cocaine from Kosovo to Dover Port (UK) utilising Euro Tunnel and cross Channel ferries.

R v. SR [2015] (Blackfriars Crown Court)

conspiracy to facilitate unlawful immigration to the UK by a Registrar of Newham borough facilitating sham marriage arrangements between EU nationals and non-EU nationals.

R v. NT [2007] (Wood Green Crown Court)

Operation Tuffett: conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

R v. SP [2009] (Blackfriars Crown Court)

Operation Penang: conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

R v. AW [2010] (Croydon Crown Court)

conspiracy to supply firearms and ammunition to organised gangs in South London.

R v. CH [2016] (Blackfriars Crown Court)

Operation Attrition: series of organised robberies in Westminster, Camden and Islington by drivers and passengers on mopeds targeting pedestrians.

R v. GO [2018] (Guildford Crown Court); R v. BA [2018] (Guildford Crown Court)

County Lines supply of cocaine and heroin from London to county towns in Surrey where vulnerable minors were recruited to transport drugs and vulnerable adults' homes were utilised to supply drugs.

R v BK [2021] (Southwark Crown Court)

County Lines supply of cocaine and heroin from London to county towns in Cambridgeshire.

Sexual Offences

Notable Sexual Offences cases

R v. NS [2010] (Isleworth Crown Court)

sexual assaults on a flight passenger by an unrelated passenger where the assaults were committed in-flight between India and the UK and outside UK airspace.

R v. NG [2011] (Inner London Crown Court)

sexual assaults on a child pupil by a school teacher.

R v. OA [2012] (Snaresbrook Crown Court)

historic sexual assaults by a father on his child in the family home.

R v. MP [2013] (Wood Green Crown Court)

sexual assaults by a physiotherapist on patients during clinical treatment procedures.

R v. OB [2019] (Inner London Crown Court)

sexual assaults following stalking on a stranger female committed on licence for rape of a second stranger female.

Violence

Notable Violence cases

R v. ST [2012] (Central Criminal Court)

possession of prohibited firearms with intent to endanger the life of a named intended victim.

R v. AS [2015] (Central Criminal Court)

firearms robberies on occupiers of residential properties in Hampstead and Highgate (so called 'millionaires' row').

R v. JS [2014] (Woolwich Crown Court)

wounding with intent on a random victim. The victim was chosen due to his race and the motive was revenge following the murder of a British soldier from Woolwich barracks by two extremists.

R v. MM [2016] (Croydon Crown Court)

robbery of a victim aged 99 years and blind in her home, targeted due to her known vulnerability by an employee.

R v. LS [2017] (Croydon Crown Court)

aggravated burglary of residential premises occupied by a victim aged 87 years, falsely imprisoned in his bedroom. Gold and jewellery valued at £100,000 was stolen.

R v. AH [2017] (Chelmsford Crown Court)

assault on an armed firearms police officer at Stansted Airport. Injuries included a brain injury and the officer's inability to resume airport firearms duties.

R v. FS [2018] (Croydon Crown Court)

undercover police operation investigating significantly planned armed robberies and conspiracy to rob. Victims were attacked by assailants in possession of machetes and hunting knives.

R v. CW [2020] (Southwark Crown Court); R v. VK [2021] (Inner London Crown Court)

armed robberies targeting victims' Rolex watches in Mayfair and the City of London financial district.

Memberships

- Middle Temple
- Criminal Bar Association