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Peter Pride is a well-respected criminal advocate who acts as a leading and led junior in serious, long and complex multi-handed cases. He is equally comfortable running such cases alone.

He is a Level 4 prosecutor for the CPS in London and the South East on both the General Crime Panel and the Specialist Panel (Serious Crime Group). He also defends in cases of similar gravity and complexity.

Many of his instructions come from CPS Specialist Crime Group Units. He is often requested by officers from the Flying Squad and Trident as their preferred choice of counsel, where he has an excellent reputation, particularly in dealing with multi-handed gang shootings involving complex cell site evidence.

Peter's practice ranges across all types of crime, but with a particular emphasis on cases involving young defendants and victims, gangs and firearms. He has established a reputation for dealing expertly with the complexities of DNA and cell site evidence and is particularly knowledgeable in surveillance and police methodologies. He regularly prosecutes matters of a sensitive nature and has dealt with a vast number of cases involving intercept and RIPA, often requiring Preston briefings and PII hearings. His knowledge and insight have given him a significant advantage when defending these cases.

He is well respected amongst the Bar, solicitors and judiciary, and is often praised by judges for his calm, courteous, highly effective and persuasive manner. He is particularly attuned to the differing needs of court users, including children, vulnerable adults and professionals, and those from different cultural, religious and racial backgrounds.

Peter embraced digital working some years ago and has found the Courts' digital transition effortless. He is an accredited Pupil Supervisor and enjoys teaching and providing assistance to aspiring young barristers.

Expertise

Organised Crime

Notable Organised Crime cases

R v D and 4 others (7 weeks)

Secured convictions as leading prosecuting counsel against silks. Case involved firearms and there was extensive argument on the admissibility of gang evidence.

R v M and 3 others

Case involved a firearms stash.

R v C

Secured convictions for a shooting incident and ruling out duress.

R v F and N

Secured convictions for an armed robbery of a betting shop.

R v M and T

Secured convictions in a shooting incident of intruders with a sawn off shotgun.

R v P

Convictions secured in a series of armed carjackings.

R v J-C and C

Armed robbery and shooting incident.

R v D and 3 others

Leading Counsel in a five-week conspiracy to rob cash-in-transits. Involved extensive legal argument on hearsay and DNA. The case depended largely upon cell site patterns and usage.

R v O and 3 others

Armed robbery of jewellery shops. Involved extensive cell site analysis.

R v D and another

Armed robberies. Cases were largely dependent upon cell site evidence.

R v B and 4 others

Conspiracy to rob (knife point steaming) over 20 instances of robbery on trains. Life-threatening injuries to one victim caused by stabbing.

Asset Forfeiture and Confiscation

Notable Asset Forfeiture and Confiscation cases

R v K

A “baby shaking” case of an 88-day old baby. Presenting evidence from consultant radiologists, neuroradiologists and pediatricians to establish six distinct fractures over at least three different periods of abuse. Ruled out defence of Osteogenesis Imperfecta.

R v S

Successful acquittal of two completely separate rapes that were tried together.

R v S

Secured convictions against a well-respected man of good character for indecently assaulting unrelated young females on trains.

R v H

Successfully defended a man charged with a serious sexual assault of his ex-partner and pouring acid over her.

General Crime

Notable General Crime cases

R v B and others

Large scale £1m plus fraud involving thefts from post offices and multiple identity benefit frauds.

R v L

Successfully prosecuted a “solicitor” impersonator who was offering legal services and fleecing multiple and vulnerable clients of funds.

R v L and 2 others

Secured convictions in a highly sophisticated “inside” fraud.

R v D

Defended a client charged with numerous VAT and corporation offences and false accounting.

Drugs

Notable Drugs cases

R v P and 3 others

Large-scale drug importation. Case reliant on telephone and surveillance evidence, with letters of request being issued.

R v A and 4 others

Conspiracy to import high purity cocaine from Columbia. Up against leading juniors. Presented many months of surveillance and telephone evidence.

Memberships

- Lincoln's Inn
- Criminal Bar Association