

PETER EGUAE

Year of call
2011



Peter Eguae is an impressive junior, whose exceptional IT and analysis experience has been regularly deployed with forte in a wide variety of cases, whether led or alone. His ability to distill large amounts of complex information into a persuasive and meticulous case strategy sets him apart. His versatility is matched by his enthusiasm to deliver high-quality advocacy and client care. He is well-regarded, innovative and tactically astute.

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Peter has an undeniable passion for solving problems at the intersection of technology and law. He recognises that the vast majority of 'cybercrime' matters never result in a criminal charge. Consequently, he continues to develop his practice to represent the ever-growing number of 'cybercrime' claimants and defendants within the civil/regulatory arena (including AML and advisory work).

Peter is also qualified as a Direct Access barrister and is willing to accept instructions on this basis in suitable cases.

Away from the bar, Peter is an avid footballer who captains the Amateur FA football team, mentors young

offenders and care leavers, and is perpetually fascinated by the impact of emerging technologies.

LEGAL EXPERTISE

Crime

Peter Eguae's criminal practice is centered on the defence of serious crime, fraud and cybercrime. Peter specializes in complex, paper/data heavy cases, and regularly acts in matters of the utmost legal and factual complexity. Whether working alone or as part of a team, his strategic focus and empathy for his client's interests contribute to the excellent outcomes he achieves. His record in the appellate courts is above his call, and demonstrates his desire to fight fearlessly for whomever he represents.

Selected Cases

[R v J & Ors \[Birmingham\] \(2020\)](#)

Terrorism. Led by Ben Newton (Doughty Street) in a lengthy trial for the first of four defendants alleged to have continued in their membership of a proscribed organisation, contrary to s11 Terrorism Act 2000. Peter's detailed cross-examination of the prosecution tech expert about various messaging systems was described by the judge as "a model of clarity".

[R v D \[Newcastle\] \(2020\)](#)

19-year-old defendant with 170 previous offences accused of burglary supported by DNA and footprint evidence. Successful application to dismiss.

[R v L & Ors \[Wood Green\] \(2020\)](#)

Defendant – with damaging bad character evidence – threw a punch which started a bar brawl, leading to the victim's broken jaw. Incident captured on various CCTV cameras. Section 20 GBH count negotiated down to a plea to affray. Defendant was sentenced to a conditional discharge.

[R v PS, Dahir & CF \[2019\] EWCA Crim 2286 \[Court of Appeal\] \(2019\)](#)

Appeal against sentence for a serious section 18 GBH, following a sustained attack to the victim's face and neck with a broken glass bottle. Successfully argued that previously undiagnosed mental health issues reduced the appellant's culpability. 14-years reduced to 10-years.

The judgement by the Lord Chief Justice, LJ Fulford and LJ Holroyde contains primary guidance about sentencing offenders with mental health conditions or disorders.

R v M [St. Albans] (2019)

Defendant captured on mobile footage assaulting two neighbours. Restraining order had previously been imposed and breached (leading to 6-month sentence). Skillful cross-examination of both complainants, and detailed review of the footage led to a unanimous acquittal in under 1 hour.

R v Amin [2019] EWCA Crim 1583 [Court of Appeal] (2019)

Successful appeal against sentence in a violent disorder in which a youth was stabbed several times. It is the leading case when sentencing an adult who committed an offence as a youth.

R v J & Ors [Wood Green] (2019)

Coordinated £16k robbery of a businessman supported by ANPR, cell site, CCTV and the defendant's previous admissions. Exclusion of adverse statements under PACE s.78, and skilful cross-examination of the cell site expert led to acquittal.

R v Murden [2019] EWCA Crim 1154 [Court of Appeal] (2019)

Defendant convicted of beating a female stranger with a dog-lead. Following a pro-bono review of the defendant's case, an appeal against sentence was successful – 3yrs to 2yrs – resulting in immediate release.

R v S & Ors [Isleworth] (2018)

Led junior acting for D1 in a multi-handed conspiracy to repeatedly circumvent immigration controls via Ireland and the common travel area. Peter's analysis of phone data was crucial to successful a submission of no case.

R v K [Croydon] (2018)

Represented a trainee doctor accused of racially-aggravated assault on a fellow student. Acquitted.

R v L & Ors [Central Criminal Court] (2017)

Excellent research, analysis skills and case strategy led to the successful submission of no case in a multiple-count class-A PWITS trial at the Old Bailey.

R v MS & SS [Southwark] (2016)

Supported Sarah Forshaw QC in the successful five-month SFO prosecution of a complex £78m Ponzi fraud. Used IT skills in various ways, including finding the "smoking gun" message leading to conviction (the infamous 'Zipon' message).

Employment

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Selected Cases

[K v C \(2020\)](#)

Acted for the claimant in an 'out-of-time' ET claim for unfair dismissal and disability discrimination, arising from a dismissal one-month into the claimant's first job. Negotiated significant settlement.

[Aguebor v PCL Whitehall Security Group & Anor UKEAT/0078/14/JOJ](#)

Appeal in the EAT against the dismissal of the claimant's claim of constructive dismissal following a TUPE transfer. The case clarified the difference between a business transfer under regulation 3(1)(a) of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) and a service provision change TUPE transfer under regulation 3(1)(b) of TUPE. Claimant received substantial award at the subsequent trial.

Offshore & International

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Peter wrote an article – "In defence of Jamaica's youth", the lead article in the Jamaican Bar Association Journal (vol.28) – which analysed constitutional law and sex discrimination against young boys in sexual offences in Jamaica. It led to the implementation of a new statute – the Child Diversion Act 2018 – which now protects youths from unnecessary prosecution.

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Cybercrime, Civil Fraud & Asset recovery

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His experience and ability in other areas (crime and offshore) makes him well-placed to tackle and advise on a wide range of 'cybercrime', civil fraud and regulatory matters.

Selected Cases

R v R [Luton] (2020)

Successful representation of the claimant at County Court trial in a claim and defence to counterclaim. The vast majority of the trial bundle was digital evidence (messages/emails etc). The analysis and skillful presentation of the data resulted in a successful defence to the large counterclaim. Recovered full damages and secured the return of intellectual property.

Memberships

- Cybercrime Practitioners Association
- The Society for Computers and Law
- Criminal Bar Association
- Commonwealth Lawyers Association