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Terence Woods is a highly experienced barrister specialising in general crime, fraud & financial crime, professional discipline, POCA, and military & court martial work. With a broad and diverse criminal practice, he regularly appears as both leading and led counsel in complex and high-stakes cases.

Recognised as a Leading Junior in Crime by The Legal 500, Terence has acted in some of the most serious and challenging proceedings, including those involving murder, manslaughter, violent and sexual offences, and drug-related crime – with particular expertise in multi-handed county lines prosecutions.

A recognised authority in fraud and financial crime, Terence has acted in major cases involving bribery, corruption, and money laundering, advising and representing individuals, corporates, and government bodies. His work often engages complex financial and evidential issues, including Legal Professional Privilege.

In the area of professional discipline, Terence has represented members of the British Transport Police and the Metropolitan Police in misconduct proceedings, including those involving allegations of racism.

His work under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) includes cases involving the seizure and forfeiture of substantial assets, and litigation around beneficial ownership and third-party claims.

Specialist Areas	
Criminal Defence	Criminal Prosecution
Fraud & Financial Crime	Private Prosecution
Asset Forfeiture and Confiscation	Professional Discipline
Inquests & Inquiries	Regulatory Law
Public Law	Courts Martial & Military Law

Cases

Asset Forfeiture & Confiscation

Prosecuting and defending in cases under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 involving the

seizure/or attempted seizure of substantial assets worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. Has dealt with cases involving equitable beneficial interests and third party claims.

Criminal Defence

Mr Woods has defended in almost every type of case in the criminal calendar including the following:

R v Ruzindana – murder/manslaughter – diminished responsibility as a result of post traumatic stress from Rwandan genocide

R v Roci – people trafficking from Baltic States for prostitution

R v Parveen– one of first Baby P type prosecutions for offence of causing or allowing the death of a child

R v Usher – one punch manslaughter involving double jeopardy issues

R v Connors – one of few prosecutions under Modern Slavery Act for forced labour

R v Lilley – historic sex offences

R v Knight – attempted murder through injection of insulin to patient in hospital

R v El Asfari – large scale immigration fraud involving links to Syria

Criminal Prosecution

Mr Woods is a member of the “Rape List” and “Serious Crime Group” prosecuting serious cases on behalf of the CPS involving sexual offences and multiple defendants. Developed a particular expertise in the examination-in-chief and cross-examination of vulnerable witnesses (often young children but also vulnerable adults) and is an accredited Vulnerable Witness Facilitator.

R v Woodley – serious sexual offences involving vulnerable complainants and use of intermediary

Fraud and Financial Crime

R v Taylor – Large scale international Ponzi scheme fraud

R v Coyle – Multi-defendant boiler room fraud involving elderly victims

R v Chaudhury – Large scale retail banking fraud

R v Basham – Causing or facilitating breach of immigration law (fraudulent operation of TOEIC test for visa applicants

R v Dixit – Solicitor alleged to have perverted the course of public justice and committed revenue fraud

Military & Courts Martial

Representing senior officer charged with fraud/corruption relating to the distribution of army catering contracts

RAF – Multi defendant cases cases involving allegations of violence

Professional Discipline

Mr Woods has represented members of British Transport Police and Metropolitan Police officers on allegations of breaches of discipline and racism.

Trading Standards

Mr Woods has dealt with numerous cases involving breaches of consumer trading regulations in relation to ear piercing, counterfeiting, unfair trading practices.

Other

Mr Woods has also dealt with RSPCA prosecutions of multiple defendants in relation to cock fighting and puppy farming.

Professional Memberships

- South Eastern Circuit
- Criminal bar Association

Awards, Qualifications & Other

- University College London LLB (Hons)
- Inns of Court School of Law
- Pupil Supervisor
- Grade 4 CPS Counsel
- CPS Rasso Panel

Direct Access

Terence Woods is qualified to accept instructions directly from clients and is registered under the Bar Council’s Public Access Scheme, meaning that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come directly to him. In addition, he welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and

clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions directly to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. For more information please visit our Direct Access page here.