

## Gul Nawaz Mahboob Hussain

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**Year of call:** 2000 (Gray's).

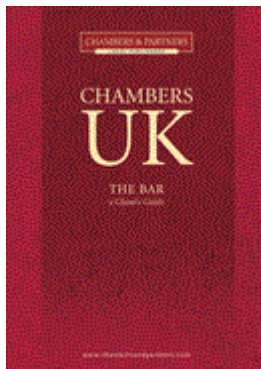
**Degree:** LLB Hons.

**Area of practice:** Crime.

### **Additional Information**

- ❖ Specialises in high profile, complex and serious criminal defence work.
- ❖ Does not prosecute.
- ❖ Door tenant at Tooks Chambers  
Chambers of Michael Mansfield QC and Patrick Roche  
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### **Recommendations**



## 2012

### Band 1

Gul Nawaz Hussain enjoys an excellent profile as an "*impressive, hard-working, excellent junior.*" Sources note his "*ability to develop great novel arguments.*" He advised on R v Quam Ogumbiyi, a case concerning the attempted murder of war criminal Radislav Krstić.

## 2011

### Band 2

Gul Nawaz Mahboob Hussain is "*an impressive communicator,*" who focuses his practice exclusively on defence work, recently appearing in a terrorist-related case. "*Even coming into a case at very short notice he handles it very well,*" say solicitors.

## 2010

### Band 2

'Gul Nawaz Hussain, whose serious crime practice spans large scale public disorder, murder, robbery and terrorism cases, amongst other matters.'

## 2009

### Band 2

'A recent arrival in [Park Court] chambers, Gul Nawaz Hussain has brought with him a practice heavy on serious crime. To illustrate his experience, he defended the fifth bomber in the 21/7 attempted bombings and appeared in the Operation Madonna case, which centred on the kidnapping of a 13-year-old girl who was held until a debt was settled'.

## 2007

### Band 1

'... Gul Nawaz Hussain a presence on both the London and the North Eastern circuits, whose "*experience belies his call*". Varied work this year has included murder, firearms and forgery work. The future holds much promise for Hussain as he is tipped to be defending in some very high-profile terrorism cases at the Old Bailey next year.'

## 2006

### Band 1

'...Gul Nawaz Hussain a "*bright young junior*" who "*has the world at his feet*" in the view of peers'.

## 2005

### Band 2

'Gul Nawaz Hussain has recently moved to this set [Paradise Chambers] from Midlands-based King Charles House and has already been hailed as "*one to watch for the future.*" He has been instructed on high-profile cases, including the prosecution of the chairman and star striker of Carlisle United following a pitch side brawl.'

2004

Band 3

2003

Band 3



2011

"Gul Nawaz Hussain is a very strong junior with wide experience"

2010

"Gul Nawaz Hussain is instructed in some very serious cases"

2009

"Park Court Chambers...joined by the '*very promising*' Gul Nawaz Hussain"

2008

"...Gul Nawaz Hussain, at a 2000 call, is showing great promise"



**2011, 2010, 2009**

Identified as an expert in criminal law

## Case Examples

### Terrorism & related offences

#### **Operation Norbury Central Criminal Court**

- **Engaging in conduct in preparation for acts of terrorism**
- **Conspiracy to cause an explosion**
- **Possession of a document of a kind likely to be of assistance to a person preparing or committing an act of terrorism**

Alleged plot to launch a bombing campaign on the UK mainland during Christmas 2010.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/dec/21/anti-terror-raids-12-held?INTCMP=ILCNETTXT3487>

#### **Operation Kneel Oxford Crown Court**

- **Bomb hoax**

The sending of in excess of 70 letters to companies, shopping centres and embassies purporting to identify members of active Al Qaeda cells and targets for imminent attacks. Letters to aviation companies alone resulted in additional security costing hundreds of thousands of pounds.

#### **Operation Saby Snaresbrook Crown Court**

- **Possession of explosive substances**

Alleged stockpiling of explosive substances and bomb making information by a chemist said to have been contemplating a “revenge attack” for the 7/7 bombings.

Argued that the legal burden placed upon the defendant by section 4 of The Explosive Substances Act 1883 offended the presumption of innocence and was therefore incompatible with the defendant’s right to a fair trial under Article 6 of The European Convention on Human Rights.

The Court agreed that s.4 should be read down (by virtue of section 3 of The Human Rights Act 1998) so as only to place an evidential burden upon the defendant.

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23898591-scientist-stored-bomb-chemicals-for-77-revenge.do>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/2010/12/01/7-7-revenge-man-cleared-115875-22753574/>

### **WD VE & UF v Secretary of State for the Home Dept. SIAC (Special Immigration Appeal Commission)**

- Deportation of those alleged to be a threat to national security.

Represented a number of Pakistani nationals detained after Operation Pathway; the much publicised anti terror raids after which all men were released without charge. The Home Secretary subsequently sought to have them deported.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8688586.stm>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/5132512/Terror-plot-How-Bob-Quicks-blunder-forced-MI5s-hand.html>

### **Operation Overamp Woolwich Crown Court**

- Encouragement of terrorism
- Possessing a document of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism

Organising of terrorist training camps on the UK mainland.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/crime/article3437865.ece>

### **Application to detain without charge for more than 14 days Paddington Green Police Station**

Opposed one of the first applications to detain an alleged terrorist under the new provisions in the Terrorism Act 2006.

### **Operation Vivace Woolwich Crown Court**

#### Trial 1

- Conspiracy to murder

Represented the “fifth bomber” from the 21/7 attempted suicide bomb attacks targeting the London underground system. Hung jury

following the first trial. Pleaded guilty to a lesser offence before retrial.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6634913.stm>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6661597.stm>

### Trial 3

- Failing to disclose information which could have assisted in the apprehension of a person involved in an act of terrorism x2.
- Assisting an offender

Client failed to contact the authorities in relation to two of the convicted 21/7 bombers; positively assisted the cell leader to evade capture.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1577673/Five-men-jailed-for-aiding-July-21-bombers.html>

## **Murder, other violent and public order offences**

### **Operation Kite Sheffield Crown Court**

- Murder

Following escalating inter communal violence, an alleged murder where the defendants' vehicle drove at a pedestrian. Driver and occupants jointly charged.

[http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/local/burngreave\\_pitsmoor\\_and\\_darn\\_all\\_the\\_sheffield\\_turf\\_war\\_which\\_led\\_to\\_a\\_teenager\\_s\\_death\\_1\\_3928440](http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/local/burngreave_pitsmoor_and_darn_all_the_sheffield_turf_war_which_led_to_a_teenager_s_death_1_3928440)

### **Operation Pilling Leeds Crown Court**

- Attempted murder

Alleged attempted murder of war criminal Radislav Krstić (found guilty of aiding and abetting genocide in Srebrenica at the International Criminal Court) in HMP Wakefield by prisoners serving life sentences.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/feb/21/srebrenica-general-revenge-prison-attack>

### **Operation Fayville Central Criminal Crown Court**

- Murder

Alleged murder within a secure mental ward. Defendant believed deceased to be “Satan”.

### **Operation Cooling Sheffield Crown Court**

- Murder

Killing of Laura Wilson, the young mother whose body was recovered from a canal with multiple stab wounds.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1320056/Police-searching-Laura-Wilson-pull-body-canal.html>

### **Operation Kremlin Sheffield Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to murder

Alleged contract killing organised by local business men. Indictment stayed part way through defence case following an Abuse of Process submission arising from serious and fundamental disclosure failures by officers and the CPS.

Mr Justice Sweeney described the case as “a disaster for the criminal justice system” and said the prosecution had been responsible for “failures on a disturbing scale”.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1291240/Judge-blasts-CPS-police-blunders-saw-1m-murder-plot-trial-collapse.html>

[http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/news/Pages/pr\\_020810\\_southyorkshirejahan.gir.aspx?auto=True&l1link=pages%2Fnews.aspx&l1title=News%20and%20press&l2link=news%2FPages%2Fdefault.aspx&l2title=Press%20Releases](http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/news/Pages/pr_020810_southyorkshirejahan.gir.aspx?auto=True&l1link=pages%2Fnews.aspx&l1title=News%20and%20press&l2link=news%2FPages%2Fdefault.aspx&l2title=Press%20Releases)

### **R v Henderson and others Manchester Crown Court**

- Murder
- Attempted Murder
- S18 GBH
- Possession of a firearm with intent
- Possession of ammunition
- Attempting to pervert the course of justice

A SOCA investigation.

Trial of a “hit man” linked to North West drug gangs.

[http://menmedia.co.uk/manchestereveningnews/news/crime/s/1407988\\_gangland\\_killer\\_has\\_minimum\\_jail\\_term\\_slashed\\_in\\_half\\_after\\_turning\\_supergrass](http://menmedia.co.uk/manchestereveningnews/news/crime/s/1407988_gangland_killer_has_minimum_jail_term_slashed_in_half_after_turning_supergrass)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-13719886>

### **Operation Yardelle Central Criminal Court**

- Attempted murder X2
- Possession of a firearm with intent
- Possession of ammunition
- Attempting to pervert the course of justice

Attempted murder of a prosecution witness to an armed robbery. Attempts to pervert the course of justice by the defendant and his solicitor whilst the former was on remand in HMP Belmarsh.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/5106672.stm>

### **Operation Hobby Sheffield Crown Court**

- Murder

Wife hired members of a 'gangsta' rap group to kill her estranged husband. Acted for one of the rappers.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/3916793/Wife-hired-rapper-to-help-kill-husband.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/3916793/Wife-hired-rapper-to-help-kill-husband.html>

### **Operation Griffin Sheffield Crown Court**

- Perverting the course of justice

Organisation of false alibi evidence for a defendant charged with murder.

Client stood trial with the 9 defendants charged with a murder committed in a close knit community.

Prosecution sought (unsuccessfully) to rely upon eye witnesses who had complete anonymity.

[http://www.sheffieldtelegraph.co.uk/lifestyle/three\\_locked\\_up\\_for\\_taking\\_part\\_in\\_honour\\_killing\\_1\\_443972](http://www.sheffieldtelegraph.co.uk/lifestyle/three_locked_up_for_taking_part_in_honour_killing_1_443972)

**R v Duffy 1 & 2**  
**Bradford Crown Court**

- s18 GBH

Represented a serving soldier in two separate allegations arising from altercations in nightclubs.

**Operation Murcia**  
**Peterborough Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to rob

Multiple organised cash in transit robberies

[http://www.wisbechstandard.co.uk/news/gang\\_who\\_robbed\\_camb\\_security\\_firms\\_jailed\\_for\\_total\\_of\\_40\\_years\\_1\\_1005990](http://www.wisbechstandard.co.uk/news/gang_who_robbed_camb_security_firms_jailed_for_total_of_40_years_1_1005990)

**R v Ellison and Johnstone**  
**Bradford Crown Court**

- Robbery
- Burglary

Defendants impersonated officers from HM Customs and took high value electrical items and jewelry from an OAP who subsequently died before trial.

[http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/3682606.Judge\\_condemns\\_utterly\\_depraved\\_burglary/](http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/3682606.Judge_condemns_utterly_depraved_burglary/)

**R v Shields**  
**York Crown Court**

- s20 wounding
- Assault with intent to resist arrest

Allegations arising from police officers' attempt to arrest the Defendant at Court.

**Operation Lucas**  
**Manchester Crown Court**

- Violent disorder

Large scale disturbance in Manchester city centre following the England versus Wales World Cup qualifying match at Old Trafford.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/manchester/4829814.stm>

## **R v Courtenay & Foran Gainsborough Magistrates'**

- Threatening behaviour

Trial of Carlisle United's chairman and star striker following an incident during a league fixture at Lincoln.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/lincolnshire/3133256.stm>

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/breaking/2003/1219/breaking41.html>

## **Blackmail, Kidnap & False imprisonment**

### **Operation Hullabaloo Sheffield Crown Court**

- Kidnap
- False imprisonment
- s 47 assault

Kidnapping of an Asian youth who was systematically beaten and forced to drive over 100 miles by "drug dealers and gangsters".

### **Operation Madonna Sheffield Crown Court**

- Kidnap
- Child Abduction
- Blackmail

Kidnapping of a 13 year old girl who was held until a debt was settled.

### **R v Lanera Sheffield Crown Court**

- Kidnap
- False imprisonment
- Blackmail

A school teacher allegedly held captive in Sheffield's red light district by a defendant described as a "gangster".

## **Fraud, money laundering and similar offences**

### **Operation Abyss Inner London Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to commit fraud

£1/2 million benefit fraud involving the creation of multiple false identities.

### **Operation Yankee Leeds Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to burgle

Case involving 17 defendants.

Alleged Hanoi burglaries across Yorkshire and Lancashire targeting high value vehicles. Total value of £4 million.

### **Operation Talmice Bradford Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to defraud

Allegation of election fraud during the 2005 general election. First case before the Courts to involve such an allegation.

Indicted defendants include the then Conservative parliamentary candidate, serving and former Conservative councillors.

### **R v Francis Sheffield Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to defraud
- Acquiring criminal property
- Converting criminal property

Alleged large scale fraud upon a private bank involving an "inside man". A City of London Police investigation originally listed at the Central Criminal Court

### **Operation Melody Sheffield Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to transfer the proceeds of crime

Sums in excess of £4.5 million transferred from the UK to Jamaica via money transfers

**R v Ali & others**  
**Bradford Crown Court**

- Conspiracy defraud

Fraudulent obtaining of high power bespoke vehicles from “Project Kahn”.

**R v Mahboob**  
**Sheffield Crown Court**

- Forgery
- Conspiracy to defraud

International conspiracy to defraud House of Fraser by producing fake gift vouchers.

**R v Lone & Rahim**  
**Leeds Crown Court**

- Forgery
- Making a false instrument

The production of forged statutory declarations by an immigration adviser and lay magistrate. Incidents came to light as a result of a “News of the World” sting operation.

**Operation Cognac**  
**Sheffield Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to defraud

Ten handed mortgage fraud involving an accountant and mortgage adviser.

**Drug and related offences**

**Operation Irondale**  
**Bradford Crown Court**

- Supplying heroin & Cocaine

Supply of drugs to undercover officers.

**Operation Cisco  
Sheffield Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to supply heroin

Supply of drugs across South Yorkshire.

**R v Rahim & Khan  
Bradford Crown Court**

- Importation of heroin

Large scale importation of high purity heroin from Pakistan.

**Operation Core  
Nottingham Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to supply cocaine
- Various firearms offences

Ten defendant conspiracy supplying drugs and firearms across the Midlands and Northern England.

**Operation Minx  
Sheffield Crown Court**

- Conspiracy to supply cocaine

Represented the alleged head of an extensive criminal organisation with international links.

**R v Hull & Spence  
Teesside Crown Court**

- Supplying crack cocaine

Large scale supply of cocaine from London to Middlesbrough via Leeds.

**R v Pham  
Sheffield Crown Court**

- Cultivation of Cannabis

Sophisticated, large scale cultivation within domestic properties.

## **Private Client**

### **R v Gary Brabin Selby Magistrates' Court**

- Assault x2
- Threatening behaviour

Representing the manager of Luton Town FC following an alleged incident during a league match at York.

### **R v SA Burnley Crown Court**

- S18 GBH

Alleged attack by a Door Supervisor upon a customer.

### **R v Dr NS Manchester Crown Court**

- Sexual assault x3

Anaesthetist accused of using the hands of sedated patients to touch his exposed genitals whilst in theatre.

### **R v AA Oxford Magistrates' Court**

- Careless driving (fatality)

Award winning designer at Aston Martin involved in a motorway collision.

Also represented client at the Coroner's inquest.

### **R v J U Kidderminster Magistrates' Court**

- Possessing criminal property
- Converting criminal property

Case involving the theft from Activision (and subsequent disposal) of tens of thousands of “Shrek the third” video games prior to the game and film release.

### **Professional Associations**

- ❖ Founder member of “Clear Conscience”.

### **Other activities**

- ❖ Chaired the public meeting at Birmingham Central Mosque held in the wake of anti terrorism raids in the city.
- ❖ Chaired the 2005 "In defence of civil liberties" conference at Lincoln's Inn.
- ❖ Regularly participates in debates including ones broadcast on radio and television. A regular panel member on BBC radio Sheffield's "Eastern Air" show.

### **Personal**

- ❖ Multilingual – Mirpuri, Urdu & Punjabi.
- ❖ A qualified martial arts instructor who has fought professionally.  
  
A committed Brazilian Jiu Jitsu & Submission grappling student.
- ❖ PADI qualified diver
- ❖ Formally trained and qualified in the use of small arms
- ❖ An interest in Islamic jurisprudence and military history.
- ❖ Enjoys watching vintage British comedy, listening to music (Qawaali, funk, blues and Tom Jones) and reading; especially the works of George MacDonald Fraser.