



Raj Joshi

Call: 1983



Following an illustrious career in the public sector where Raj was responsible for dealing with some of the most serious issues facing the criminal justice system, Raj joined chambers. Raj is a tenacious and versatile barrister that has dealt with everything from terrorism and extradition to people and drug trafficking, providing advice to ministers and drafting international protocols to enabling change through appearances before parliamentary and judicial committees and initiating processes of multi-national significance.

Crime

R v C - a case involving a multi-million pound Ponzi fraud;
R v J - a case involving incitement in child pornography over several jurisdictions
R v M - a case of smuggling drugs over different boundaries
R v C&M - a referral to the Court of Appeal on an unduly lenient sentence
R v C&P - an appeal to the Court of Appeal on conviction and sentence involving multiple issues including identification and exclusion of evidence
R v K - a case involving the possession of battle ready firearms
R v P - an appeal to the Court of Appeal on the Proceeds of Crime Act

Publications, Lectures and Training

Publications/Media:

Reform of the UK Extradition Law - US Attorney's Bulletin (Sept 2003)

Trafficking in Human Beings - A Growing Concern - Law Society Criminal Practitioners Newsletter.

Articles in The Times, The Independent, The Lawyer and Asian Voice

Speeches to the London Metropolitan University, London School of Economics (published in full by the Asian Voice newspaper),

Speeches to University of Delhi, University of Amdavad, Amdavad Law School and Saurashtra State University in India.

Interviewed on television by BBC Newsnight, Star TV, BBC World News, and Channel 4 News, and radio - BBC Radio 4, Radio 5 Live, Sunrise

Newspaper quotes and profiled in publications such as The Times, The Guardian, the Independent, Eastern Eye, and Asian Voice

Additional Information

Educations

Law degree and Diploma from the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg;

Public Leadership Programme - University of Birmingham

Professional Appointments

Former Adjudicator to the Solicitors Regulation Authority

Awards

Winner of the Lloyds TSB Jewel Award for Public Service Excellence

Listing Success Magazine - One of the Top 10 Asian Lawyers in the UK

Listing Asian Power 100 - One of the 100 most influential Asians in the UK

Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa - London Metropolitan University December 2008

Awarded the NRI Institute's Bharat Samman

Achiever's Award for Excellence by the Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and the Union

Minister of State for External Affairs, India January 2011

Memberships

Member of the College of Law's Advisory Board

Member of NACRO's National Race Issues Advisory Committee

Former Member and Vice-Chair of the Equal Treatment Advisory Committee of the Judicial Studies Board

Chair of the Society of Black Lawyers (2000 - 2001)

Jointly drafted the Society of Black Lawyers' submission to the Inquiry into the Death of Stephen Lawrence and gave evidence to the Inquiry (all the recommendations were accepted in the final Report)

Former member of the Judicial Appointments Working Group and gave evidence to the Peach Report on judicial appointments

Gave evidence to the CRE Inquiry into the Prisons Service

As Vice Chair of the Society of Black Lawyers, commented and made recommendations on the amending of the Race Relations Act

Member of the Consultative Group on Race Issues; the Equality Committee and the Criminal Justice Monitoring Group with the CPS