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## Practice Profile

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***Peter Eguae was recruited into tenancy in February 2017, following pupillage in Chambers. Formerly an IT consultant (specialising in web/database development, cyber security and analysis), Peter consistently use these skills in his practice to quickly absorb, analyse and present high-volumes of complex digital information. With interests in philosophy, science and emerging technologies informs his interest in cybercrime and the impacts of technological developments on crime and the criminal law.***

### ***Experience at the Bar to-date:***

#### **Financial crime**

- R v MS & SS [Southwark] – Supported Sarah Forshaw QC in the successful SFO prosecution of a complex £80m Ponzi fraud. Conducted detailed analysis of several hundred thousand documents, messages and banking transactions and located the smoking gun; a single text message.
- R v DS [Southend] – The defendant faced benefit fraud charges totalling £35k. Analysis of the financial records led to a reduction of £15k in the amount the Crown accepted as being overpaid. Defendant received a suspended sentence.
- R v D & O [Guilford] – Supported the successful prosecution of £2m ‘boiler room’ fraud.

#### **Digital Evidence**

- R v KK, AM & Ors [St Albans] – ‘Joint-junior’ for counsel of two defendants in multihanded conspiracy to rob; conducted analysis of extensive digital evidence.
- R v MC [Southwark] – Conducted extensive case analysis and media research in a high-profile historic sex abuse matter. Designed and operated the resulting multimedi presentation in an abuse of process application by Sarah Forshaw QC before the Recorder of Westminster, HHJ McCreath.
- R v CB [St. Albans] – Represented a defendant in a four-day, multi-handed ‘driving test impersonation’ fraud conspiracy trial. Conviction by a 10-2 majority.
- R v TC [Medway] – Detailed cross-examination of key witness across 9,000 pages of digital evidence led to a successful submission of no case on two harassment charges.
- R v LT [Maidstone] – Youth charged with being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs. The Crown’s case relied heavily on digital evidence. Crucial evidence excluded under s.78 PACE. Careful cross-examination of the Crown’s expert witness enabled a successful submission of no case to answer. Acquitted.
- R v JM [Maidstone] – Successful appeal against conviction by a Magistrates’ Court on several charges of making indecent images of children.

#### **General Crime**

- R v CL [Westminster] – Successfully acted for Portuguese national subject to European Arrest Warrant over several hearings. Warrant rescinded.
- R v MC [Basildon] – Represented defendant in £500k confiscation hearing, and agreed significant reductions to the benefit figure.

- R v KH & Ors [CCC] – Acted as an intermediary for a defendant in the dock at the Central Criminal Court during a joint-enterprise murder handled by Jonathan Higgs QC and Danny Robinson. Defendant was the first acquitted as a result of R v Jogee.
- R v GDG [Hammersmith] – The defendant was accused of racially-aggravated common assault after causing bruises and gashes to the complainant's face during a 10-minute altercation on a bus. Careful cross-examination using the CCTV footage led the District Judge to completely disregard the complainant's evidence and to accept self-defence. Acquitted.
- R v SG [Blackfriars] – Jury swiftly acquitted defendant of possessing a bladed article.
- R v VO [Snaresbrook] – Successful two-day appeal against conviction by a Magistrates' Court in a two-handed assault that took place in a cemetery.
- R v GE [Isleworth] – Committal for sentence. A persistent sexual offender avoided immediate custody following serious breaches of his SOPO, 18-month SSO and commission of further voyeurism and sexual assault offences.
- R v VG [Canterbury] – s.18 'road rage' stabbing; 3-year sentence after trial.
- R v MO [Stratford] – Successfully defended a male charged with assault PC and public order offences arising from a lengthy altercation with officers on a busy high street. Cross-examination of the police witnesses using CCTV evidence led to his acquittal.
- R v TB [Brent] – Defendant and unrepresented co-defendant charged with possessing offensive weapons after being arrested while wielding a baseball bat and golf club during their pursuit of another individual. Cross-examination of the unrepresented defendant was key to the outcome. Both acquitted.
- R v TW [Croydon] – Defendant faced two charges of common assault. Successful application to exclude crucial evidence under s.78 PACE. The Crown subsequently offered no evidence and the defendant was acquitted.
- R v SJ [St. Albans] – Suspected serial stalker accused of possession of a bladed article, being in an enclosed area for an unlawful purpose, and a section 4A public order offence. His acquittal of the public order offence was an important factor at sentence; he avoided immediate custody.

## Areas of Practice

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- Cyber Crime
- Fraud & Financial Crime
- General Crime
- Road Traffic

## Activities & Publications:

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**2015** - Article: "In defence of Jamaica's youth: an appeal to equality" Jamaican Bar Association Journal, vol. 28, no. 1

**2013** - ongoing. Youth Mentor (young offenders & care leavers)

**2011** - ongoing. Speaker, Action for Children

**2010** - Gray's Inn Advocacy prize 2010 (1st place – awarded a wig, gown and wig tin)

## Memberships:

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

## Recent Cases

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