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For us, law is inspiring...*

Our story

A number of years ago, we decided that we could change the way legal services are delivered. That we could do them better. At gunnercooke, we believe the potential of our clients and our people rests with our ability to free the law and make it work as it should. Today, we attract passionate lawyers and advise with authority: every gunnercooke lawyer has a minimum 10,000 hours practising experience.

Flexibility, transparency and freedom guide everything we do. Flexibility for our people to work how they want. Transparency of cost for our clients because we removed time recordings and billable hours. Freedom for our people and clients to achieve their personal and professional aspirations.

We work with clients that believe tradition is there to be tested, not obeyed. Working together, we help them seek opportunities and push the boundaries of what's possible.

Providing a suite of corporate and commercial legal services, gunnercooke is one of the UK's fastest-growing challenger brands. Proud of what we have achieved, committed to doing more.



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Overview

What he's best at

Shahid is a Legal 500 based specialist lawyer in corporate crime and HMRC civil and criminal tax investigations. He has significant experience in acting for high-profile domestic and international clients and frequently advises on complex commercial fraud, regulatory enforcement and money laundering cases. He has extensive knowledge of the law relating to corruption, banking fraud and tax evasion.

Shahid is a leading expert in Proceeds of Crime Act Proceedings (POCA) and has significant experience in Confiscation and Civil Asset Recovery POCA proceedings before the High Court.

Shahid has achieved a number of successes in the Crown Court, High Court and Court of Appeal in POCA matters most recently successfully defending a former Times Rich List individual in respect of multimillion pound confiscation proceedings in which allegations of "hidden assets" were made and which involved international asset tracing and parallel insolvency and chancery proceedings.

Shahid also has extensive experience the field of VAT and tax fraud cases and has successfully defended a company director of an international business with offices in London, Dubai, Hong Kong and Manila in respect of a £250 million VAT miser trader fraud as well as a UK based company officer in respect of a £360 million VAT fraud. He has acted for businesses before the First and Upper Tax Tribunal as well as dealing with civil VAT and Excise Duty Appeals.

Summary of work types

- Search Warrant – challenging of search and seizure warrant to the High Court
- Investigation – responding to arrest or interview with
- Prosecuting Agencies, preparing a defence to allegations made of fraud
- Restraint/Confiscation matters – dealing with unlocking assets that are restrained during investigation and enabling business/personal income to unrestrained. Advising on all aspects of confiscation under POCA
- HMRC investigation – vat, excise duty, missing trader, tax evasion/fraud advice
- Appeals to Tax Tribunal in respect of tax assessments and tax compliance

Practice Areas

- Tax & Business Investigation