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Tommy Dominguez has a busy criminal practice. He is a tenacious, skilled and dedicated advocate whose excellent client care and rapport with all court users has been widely recognised. Tommy is renowned for his meticulous case preparation, persuasive trial advocacy and his ability to ensure his clients are provided with clear and focused advice in a way that they understand. Tommy has acted as a led junior and a junior alone.

Tommy is also an accredited Police Station Representative. This has enabled him to obtain a thorough understanding of the early stages of a criminal case, whilst appreciating the importance of how well an individual is able to defend their matter depending on what happens at the police station. Tommy has represented clients at the police station for a range of offences, including rape, attempted murder and serious fraud allegations. Notable cases include the Essex lorry deaths of 39 Vietnamese migrants widely reported in national news, and the A127 hit-and-run Christmas Day death.

Prior to joining 4BB, Tommy volunteered with a number of organisations. He successfully represented disadvantaged clients in welfare appeals before the First Tier Tribunal with Z2K. Tommy also volunteered as a caseworker with Amicus, providing remote support for capital defenders in the US for first-degree murder cases; with the Citizens Advice Bureau; as a Probation Mentor; and as a case worker on the Innocence Project, where here viewed a number of murder cases where miscarriages of justice were alleged.

Tommy has previously delivered talks in schools and youth centres across London and Essex encouraging young people to pursue a legal career. He has also delivered legally-themed presentations to prisoners at HMP Brixton.

Alongside his role as a Barrister, Tommy is a FIFA Licensed Football Agent registered with the FA.

Expertise

Crime

Tommy appears in the Crown Court on a daily basis. He has experience of defending those facing a wide range of criminal matters, including serious and domestic violence, drugs, sexual offences, robbery, extradition, offensive weapons, football-related offences and dishonesty offences. He is approachable and skilled in representing young and vulnerable defendants.

Motoring Offences

Tommy is regularly instructed in private driving matters: he represents and advises clients charged with serious motoring offences such as dangerous driving, as well as driving whilst unfit through drink and drugs. He is experienced in cases where clients are at risk of being disqualified from driving, conducting 'exceptional hardship' and 'special reasons' hearings.

Significant Cases

R v GS (Cambridge Crown Court)

The Defendant was acquitted of Possession with Intent to Supply Class B Drugs, with a street value of £750,000. The drugs were found concealed within cavities in the rear of the Defendant's vehicle.

R v BA (Luton Crown Court)

The Defendant was accused of Possession of an Imitation Firearm with Intent to Cause Fear of Violence and Possession of an Offensive Weapon. The Defendant was said to have produced an air pistol and discharged it ten times, whilst also being in possession of an old-style police truncheon. The Defendant was acquitted for both offences.

R v PW (Basildon Crown Court)

The Defendant was charged with Possession with Intent to Supply Class A Drugs, after 11.5 kilos of cocaine was seized by police. The Defendant initially faced a sentence with a starting point of 14 years' custody. Following successful representations made, the Defendant received a sentence of 7.5 years' imprisonment.

R v IH and Others (Leeds Crown Court)

Led Junior in the defence of two Defendants in a five-hander trial relating to various charges of Rape and Indecent Assault, dating back nearly 30 years ago.

R v MW (Central Criminal Court)

The Defendant was sentenced for Fraud by Abuse of Position, having transferred over £57,000 into his own personal bank account in his employment as a treasurer. The Judge was persuaded to defer sentence, before later imposing a sentence of 20 months' imprisonment suspended for 18 months, with no requirements attached.

R v FC (Peterborough Crown Court)

The Defendant was sentenced in respect of three counts of Causing Serious Injury by Dangerous Driving. Successful representations were made concerning the Defendant's impairment following his consumption of nitrous oxide during the journey, ultimately resulting in a reduction from a starting point of 3 years' custody to 1 years' custody. The Defendant received a sentence of 1 years' imprisonment, with the sentence appealed to the

Court of Appeal in respect of suspending the term of imprisonment given the Defendant's employment as a professional footballer.

R v GE (Basildon Crown Court)

The Defendant was acquitted of Assault on an Emergency Worker and Criminal Damage to a Police Officer's watch. The Defendant was pursued and arrested by the officer following his refusal to provide details for a Coronavirus Fixed Penalty Notice. On the first day of trial, successful representations were made that the Defendant's arrest was unlawful following the High Court decision in *Neale v DPP* [2021] EWHC 658 (Admin), whereby it held that the Appellant was not under a statutory obligation pursuant to the Coronavirus Regulations to give his name and address to the police. The Prosecution ultimately offered no evidence in respect of all charges.

R v KB (Basildon Crown Court)

The Defendant received a sentence of 20 weeks' imprisonment at Southend Magistrates' Court for various offences of Assaults on Emergency Workers. The Defendant appealed against sentence on the basis that it was manifestly excessive. The appeal was successful and the Defendant was made subject to a community order instead.

Memberships

- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- The Criminal Bar Association
- Young Legal Aid Lawyers

Education

- Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent), BPP Law School, London
- Masters in Legal Practice (Distinction), BPP Law School, London
- LLB (Hons), University of East Anglia

Awards

- Major Exhibition Scholarship Award, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Runner-up and Winner of the Audience Prize in The Times & Kingsley Napley National Student Advocacy Competition.