

## Dr Tunde Okewale OBE



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### Profile

Dr. Tunde Okewale OBE is a leading junior Barrister at the Criminal Bar. An outstanding advocate, he has exceptional presence and skill in front of a jury.

Tunde established his practice in general and serious crime. A string of serious and high profile cases have earned him a reputation as meticulous and diligent.

Tunde regularly undertakes appellate work in the Court of Appeal and the Administrative Court. In a case, the first of its kind, Tunde set a precedent by working with a University Pro Bono Society who referred the case of Dwaine George to the Court of Appeal.

Tunde successfully overturned his wrongful conviction.

Tunde is heavily sought after in areas of business and financial crime. He has advised a number of high profile individuals as well as companies in relation to money laundering and anti corruption regulations.

His practice varies and sees him undertaking work in an array of fields. From advising crypto currency company, Stratis Platform, and the creation of alternative hedge funds, to appearing before sporting and professional regulatory tribunals.

Tunde is an FA registered intermediary who is building a reputation on advising and representing footballers, boxers and Olympic athletes. His most recent clients include Christopher George, four-time defending national Judo champion of Trinidad and Tobago and Ekow Essuman former Team GB welterweight and undefeated professional boxer. He advises athletes and clubs in relation to brand management, contractual matters, confidentiality and reputation management.

His flourishing practice and talents have been recognized by his professional peers when he was awarded the Young Barrister of the Year award and was a finalist for the "Young Legal Aid Barrister of the Year" award.

Tunde also writes and speaks regularly on his areas of legal specialty and is happy to take cases on a direct access basis.

## **Additional information**

Tunde is a Registered Lawyer under The FA Football Agents Regulations.

Tunde has recently been awarded the 2013 JCI London Ten Outstanding Young People Award (**Read more**).

Tunde was featured in the Lawyer monthly publication for the barrister awards as the young barrister of the year 2012 (**Read more**)

Tunde was a contributor to the report on 'The Citizen's Inquiry into the Tottenham Riot'. This report influenced national policy and helped secure funding for the residents of Tottenham.

Tunde featured as an expert on the BBC Radio 1 Xtra broadcast "GANGS ON FILM" alongside Noel Clarke, Ashley Walters and among others. He was asked to share his opinion on why young people join gangs and become entrenched in crime.

Tunde was selected to represent UK at an international conferences with China looking at social entrepreneurship and community cohesion (Sponsored by Cisco systems).

Tunde was involved in the Griffiths Trust 'Hush The Guns' Project in Kingston Jamaica in 2009, and was also commissioned by the Jamaican and Canadian Government to facilitate workshops for disaffected youths. Tunde was also the host for the BBC London youth debate, 'London speaks' in aid of the 1,000 days till the 2012 Olympics, and a debate for the Para Olympics in December 2009.

Tunde has substantial public speaking experience and regularly attends engagements for charitable bodies. In his spare time Tunde is heavily involved in community work. Tunde is at present working on a new project called Urban Lawyers, which has been awarded funding and is being supported by Hogan Lovells pro bono unit. Tunde is also President and Founder

of Information Generation a social enterprise that provides information for disaffected communities. The organisation recently awarded 4 scholarships in partnership with BPP Law School.

Tunde was part of a delegation sent out by the Bar Human Rights Committee in partnership with UNICEF in Nigeria. The project aims to enhance the capacity of the Child Protection Network (CPN) set up across different states in Nigeria. This is achieved through conducting human rights monitoring and documentation, with a particular focus on case management, interviewing and taking statements from children. The project also works by engaging regional and international mechanisms of redress. Tunde delivered training on the aforesaid issues to legal practitioners, social workers and government ministers.

## **Publications**

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## **Related practice areas**

Criminal Law

Criminal Appeals

## **Homicide and Related Grave Offences**

- R v John Beswick, Ipswich Crown court , 2023 , Sexual offences against children (acting alone)
- R v Hafide Kamara , Inner London Crown Court, 2023 , Conspiracy to possess a firearm and ammunition with intent to endanger life
- R v Rukon Miah, Southwark Crown Court , 2023 , Fraud
- R v Adul Shariff , Southwark Crown Court , 2023, Armed robbery
- R v Marcus Pixley & Others , Harrow Crown Court, 2022, Conspiracy to Murder and possession of a firearm and ammunition with intent to endanger life. (acting alone)

- R v Abdul Sakib & Others , Snaresbrook Crown Court, 2021, Multiple firearm offences and drugs offences (Junior counsel )
- R v Danny Storey, Chelmsford Crown Court, 2021 , Historic Multiple sexual offences against children (acting alone)
- R v Daniel Daden & Others , Chelmsford Crown Court , 2021, Murder (Junior Counsel)
- R v Ferenc Szabo, Ipswich Crown Court, 2021, ?Mutiple firearm offences
- R v Jonathan Wotton, Ipswich Crown Court 2021, Mutiple firearm offences
- R v Alhassan Jalloh & Others, The Central Criminal Court, 2020, Murder (Junior Counsel)
- R v Mohammed Rahman, Newcastle Crown Court, 2020, Murder (Junior Counsel)
- R v Elliot Robinson & Others, The Central Criminal Court, 2019, Arson Murder (Junior Counsel)
- R v Ashraf Hussain & Another, Oxford Crown Court, 2019, Murder and Supply of class A drugs and (Junior Counsel)
- R v Mark Fysh, Oxford Crown Court 2019, Historic Multiple sexual offences against children (Leading Counsel)
- R v Sean Davies, Harrow Crown Court, 2019 Attempted Murder
- R v James Lee Ratcliff , Teeside Crown Court 2018 Multiple firearm offences ( super grass case)- ( Junior counsel)
- R v Remmay Williams - Leicester Crown Court 2017 Supply of class A drugs and Possession of multiple firearms
- R v Benson Chineudu - Woolwich Crown Court 2016, Multiple sexual offences against children

- R v Adam Church-Inner - London Crown Court 2016, multiple sexual offences against children.
- R v Malik James - Derby Crown Court, 2016, Multi-handed Attempted Murder x 2
- R v Nathaniel Grant – Huntingdon Crown Court 2015, Multi-handed prison riot
- R v Dwaine George – Court of Appeal Criminal Division, 2014 Appeal against Conviction and Sentence, Murder
- R v Junior Payton, Court of Appeal Criminal Division, 2014 Appeal against Conviction and Sentence, GBH and Possession of an imitation firearm
- R v Hoxha & Ors, Ipswich Crown Court, 2014, Conspiracy to supply make false instruments
- R v Karl Maddox, Wood Green Crown Court, 2014, Death by Dangerous Driving,
- R v JoJo Mafwa & Ors, The Central Criminal Court 2013, 7-handed Murder, Knife crime
- R v Junior Payton, Kingston Crown Court, 2013, GBH and Possession of an imitation firearm
- R v Katachi Richards & Ors, The Central Criminal Court 2013, Multi-handed Kidnap and Robbery,
- R v Ashton Ambursley, Basildon Crown Court 2013, s.18 Grievous bodily harm
- R v Sonny Walker O'Hara, Croydon Crown Court 2013, Armed Robbery and firearms offences
- R v Olumyiwa Lafe, The Central Criminal Court 2013, s.18 Grievous bodily harm
- R v Daniel Bryan, The Central Criminal Court 2012, Attempted Murder
- R v Nathaniel Grant & Ors, The Central Criminal Court, 2012, Attempted Murder, GBH, (shooting of 5 yr old girl, Thusa Kamaleswaran)
- R v Oladipe Laguda, The Central Criminal Court 2010 - Conspiracy Murder.
- R v Nathaniel Grant & Ors, The Central Criminal Court 2010 - 7-handed Murder, firearms

- R v Daryl Wright & Ors, The Central Criminal Court 2011 – Multi- handed armed (firearms) robbery
- R v Kingsley Ogundele, The Central Criminal Court 2009 - Conspiracy Murder
- R v Alexander Sharpe, Southwark Crown Court 2011- Historic rape, fitness to plead.
- R v Brett Ives, Oxford Crown Court, 2012, s.18 Grievous bodily harm
- R v Olubamidele Paul, Chelmsford Crown Court 2010 - s.18 Grievous bodily harm.
- Shermon Carty, Reading Crown Court 2010 - s.18 grievous bodily harm.
- R v Carlos Damas, Bournemouth Crown Court, 2011, Aggravated Burglary
- R v Amir Raja, Reading Crown Court 2009 -ABH and perverting the course of justice.
- R v Francis Togo, Reading Crown Court 2009 - false imprisonment.

## Protest Cases

- R v David Yamoah, Inner London Crown Court 2013, Theft, London riots
- R v Sean Mark & Ors, Inner London Crown Court, 2012, Burglary, (London Riots)
- R v Tyrone Ellis & Ors, Inner London Crown Court, 2012, Violent disorder 2012 (London Riots)
- R v Rickel Simon , Inner London Crown Court, 2012 , Burglary, Assault Occasioning actual bodily harm on a police officer.
- Police officer (London Riots)
- R v Samuel Appiah, Aylesbury Crown Court 2010 - s.20 grievous bodily harm against a police officer
- R v Gavin Stride, Aylesbury Crown Court 2010 - Assault Occasioning actual bodily harm on a police officer.

## Other Serious Criminal Offences

Recent briefs have included murder, aggravated burglary, armed robbery, drugs importations and robberies. He is regularly instructed in cases involving Trident investigations of gang crime and firearms related violence as well as multi-handed robberies. He is currently instructed in two allegedly gang related London murders.

- R v Charles Onuga , Woolwich Crown Court 2014, Possession with intent to supply Class A drugs
- R v Vladimiro Demorias, Woolwich Crown Court 2014, Robbery
- R v Yousseff Chelli, Harrow Crown Court, 2013, Conspiracy to supply Class A drugs
- R v Carlos Corrodus, Wood Green Crown Court 2013, Possession with intent to supply Class A drugs, possession of a firearm
- R v Olwafemi Omosuyi , Inner London Crown Court 2012, Knife point robbery
- R v Ashley Gill, Woolwich Crown Court, 2012, Violent disorder
- R v Sashmore Grant, The Central Criminal Court 2011 - Possessing and tending counterfeit currency.
- R v Marcus Biggs, Oxford Crown Court 2011 -bringing a prohibited item into prison.
- R v Selma Momah & Ors, Snaresbrook Crown Court 2011- four-handed Affray.
- R v Adel Ismael, Southwark Crown Court 2011 - Robbery.
- R v Ashley Malcolm, Snaresbrook Crown Court 2011 – Contempt of Court
- R v Masterton & Ors, St Albans Crown Court 2010 - knife point robbery.
- Dwight Alexander v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (Administrative Court) 2011 Appeal by way of case stated.
- Masterman v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (Administrative Court) 2010 Appeal by way of case stated.
- R v Stella Garbor, Southwark Crown Court 2010 - Robbery.
- R v Ashley Mason, Snaresbrook Crown court 2011 - Possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (23kg)
- R v Errol McCardo-Weir, Croydon Crown Court 2011 - Importation of 2kg class A drugs

- R v Chloe Shangwele, Chelmsford Crown Court 2011 - Possession with intent to supply Class A drugs
- R v Chloe Shangwele, Kingston Crown Court 2011 - Possession with intent to supply Class A drugs
- R v Anton Kist, Isleworth Crown Court 2009 - Importation of cocaine (2kg).

## Sports Law

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