

# Sean Poulter

**Higher Court Advocate**      **2007**  
**Admitted to Roll**      **1992**

## Education

State School education, London  
 LLB (hons), London  
 Law Society Finals, Guildford

## Employment

Galbraith Branley Sols, London - Articles, and Solicitor specialising in crime	<b>1990 - 1997</b>
Sean Poulter & Co, London - started own firm	<b>1997- 1998</b>
Needham Poulter and Partners, London - Founded 4 partner firm	<b>1998- 2014</b>
Independent Higher Court Advocate	<b>2014 – 2021</b>
CPS, East of England - District Crown Prosecutor	<b>2021- 2023</b>
Public Defender Service – Higher Court Advocate	<b>2023 – date</b>



## Profile

Sean qualified as a solicitor in 1992 and has practiced as a solicitor-advocate specialising in criminal law since that time. Throughout his career his work has included offences across the criminal spectrum. He was one of the founding partners of Needham Poulter and Partners, a firm specialising in criminal and mental health law. Whilst at the firm he started concentrating on Higher Court Advocacy work and ultimately left private practice in 2014 in order to focus solely on higher end crown court advocacy work. Between 2014 and May 2021 a huge proportion of his work were multi-handed trials heard at the Central Criminal Court.

Sean is highly respected by fellow advocates and judges and is valued for his ability, integrity, and powerful work ethic.

In May 2021 Sean joined the Crown Prosecution Service as a District Crown Prosecutor in the Crown Court Trials Unit. During his time at the CPS, he was an area lead in disclosure, international work, and forensic work. He was also at the vanguard of how to drive efficiency and excellence within the CPS. He has now brought all of that learning from the prosecution side back into the defence ranks by joining the Public Defender Service



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# Notable Cases

**R v JG (2024) Southwark Crown Court**

Multi-handed vat diversion fraud

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Multi-handed defendant case involving Money laundering 30 million pounds.

**R v JS (2024) Snaresbrook Crown Court**

Instructed as leading junior for first defendant in a multi-handed gang shooting case. Client indicted for conspiracy to murder x 2 and attempted murder, each incident occurring on separate dates.

**R v FG (2024) Leicester Crown Court**

Multi-handed conspiracy to burgle and conspiracy to steal over 500k in cash from cash machines across the UK.

**R v ST (2024) Wood Green Crown Court**

Multi-handed conspiracy to steal over 2 million pounds worth of Nike products

**R v RC (2024) Chelmsford Crown Court**

Multi-handed class A drugs conspiracy involving 90kg of cocaine and heroin.

**R v JCA (2024) Central Criminal Court**

Multi-handed defendant case involving extreme body mutilation due to body dysphoria ideation. Case garnered national headlines. Unique circumstances of the case required very careful handling.

**R v PB (2023) Wood Green Crown Court**

Represented a solicitor indicted for defrauding his clients. Multi-count indictment relating to fraud running to several hundred thousand pounds.

**R v AA (2023) Leeds Crown Court**

Defendant who had a prior conviction for rape of a 16-year-old indicted for rape of a 16-year-old girl.

**R v ZY - (2020) Central Criminal Court**

Double Murder of two women killed a year apart from one another and stored in the defendant's freezer. Defendant specifically requested Sean represent him.

**R v SL (2020) Central Criminal Court**

Multi-handed murder – Acting for the first defendant where defendant said to be the organiser of a planned killing.

**R v JO'C (2020) Central Criminal Court**

Youth Defendant who is a well know drill artist was indicted for his involvement in a multi-handed murder and attempted murder involving firearms and 'Rambo' knives.

**R v JO'H (2020) Central Criminal Court**

Very young defendant involved in a multi-handed murder of a stranger who the defendant's tried to rob.

**R v BM (2020) Central Criminal Court**

Acting for the first defendant in a multi-handed murder following a fracas in a park involving two groups of youths.

**R v DW (2018) Central Criminal Court**

Acting for first defendant, who was very young, in a multi-handed, gang related murder which carried some national media interest due the victim being a promising rugby player.

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**R v AF (2019) Central Criminal Court**

Acting for first defendant in a multi-handed drug related murder where all the defendants were very young.

**R v CM (2019) Central Criminal Court**

Multi-handed murder gang related planned murder involving firearms.

**R v TA (2018) - Birmingham Crown Court**

Acting for first defendant in a multi-handed murder following a fracas at a boxing match. The case had a racial element to it and involved very large number of witnesses.

**R v AK (2018) - Central Criminal Court**

Gang related attempted murder involving firearms.

**R v M (2018) - Central Criminal Court**

Multi-Handed murder

**R v JP (2018) - Winchester Crown Court**

Multi-handed gang related attempted murder involving firearms and drugs

**R v DO (2017) Lincoln Crown Court**

Conspiracy to supply class A drugs

**R v TH (2017) - Chelmsford Crown Court**

Conspiracy to supply class A

**R v SY (2017) Blackfriars Crown Court**

PWITS

**R v SD (2017) - Snaresbrook Crown Court**

Firearms with intent to endanger life

**R v IF (2016) - Central Criminal Court**

Multi-handed gang related attempted murder

**R v SM (2016) Central Criminal Court**

Purchasing firearms

**R v GF (2016) Central Criminal Court**

Multi-handed murder following fracas in a pub.

**R v OB (2015) Central Criminal Court**

Acting for the first defendant in a multi-handed murder where all the defendants were very young.

**R v SJ (2014) Central Criminal Court**

HMRC prosecution of an alcohol diversion fraud on an international scale.

**R v MR (2014) Central Criminal Court**

Acting for first defendant in a multi-handed murder