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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

### Crime

Isabelle is a CPS Level 2 Panel member for General Crime and Serious Crime.

She has developed a busy practice prosecuting and defending in both the Magistrates and Crown Court.

Isabelle has also represented clients in various private driving matters before the Magistrates' court, advancing exceptional hardship and special reasons arguments on their behalf.

## PROFILE OVERVIEW

Prior to coming to the Bar, Isabelle worked as a paralegal at a central London Legal 500 U.S. immigration law firm assisting with both commercial and criminal matters. She represented clients with criminal convictions across a spectrum of offences including drug offences, public disorder violations and high-level frauds; advocating to the U.S. Department of State for waivers of eligibility on their behalf.

The commercial arm of her work involved the analysis of contracts and financial documentation, where Isabelle worked with some of the UK's largest companies supporting their expansion into the U.S. market.

## ASSOCIATIONS

Isabelle currently sits on the Bar Representation Committee at The Honourable Society Lincoln's Inn. In this role, she represents the interest members of the Hall, in particular junior members and those practising outside of London. She has recently been elected representative for the Northern Circuit at the Inn.

During her time at university, Isabelle was elected President of her University Bar Society. Through this, she organised events for students wishing to pursue a career at the Bar with a view to increasing access to the profession. She also volunteered with organisations including Street Law and the Refugee Council.

## NOTABLE CASES

– **R v SC and others** – represented defendant (unled) charged with conspiracy to defraud, valued at £1.2 million pounds, and money laundering. Case brought by the North Yorkshire Trading Standards and involved eight defendants. No evidence offered in relation to SC at half time on conspiracy to defraud of £1.2 million pounds.

– **R v CN** – prosecuted defendant charged with S.18 wounding involving a machete attack at a nightclub. Conviction secured following trial.

– **R v DW** – represented defendant charged with possession of an imitation firearm resulting in an armed police response. Case involved fitness to plead issues. Community order imposed following sentence.



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- **R v JC** – represented defendant charged with a number of thefts and attempted thefts of Audis from car showrooms. Case brought on CCTV/ ID evidence of a police officer. Written application, advanced under Section 78 PACE, to exclude the purported controlled identification of the officer. No evidence offered by the Crown in response.
- **R v AA** – prosecuted defendant charged with PWITS Class A and Class B drugs and possession of criminal property. Convictions secured following trial.
- **R v BC** – suspended sentence for 20 year old defendant who pleaded guilty to S.20 inflicting grievous bodily harm. Presented mitigation as to the defendant's previous good character, young age, efforts to rehabilitate himself, as well as references from his foster parents and employer; eight month suspended sentence was imposed.
- **R v AO and JS** – represented both mother and son charged with 6 counts of criminal damage and possession of an offensive weapon. One charge discontinued after legal argument, acquitted on all other charges after trial.
- **R v AF** – represented defendant at sentence charged with PWTIS Class A drugs, in relation to 1.2 kilograms of cocaine, and possession of criminal property. Successfully advanced 'lesser role' at sentence.
- **R v CW** – represented defendant at sentence charged with causing serious injury by careless driving. Four month suspended sentence imposed.