



SPECIALISATION

Criminal Law

Having worked for one of Manchester's leading criminal firms and later successfully running her own business as a freelance clerk and law costs drafts person, Louise was called to the Bar in 1998.

Louise's instructing Solicitors include many of Manchester and the surrounding areas' leading criminal defence firms. She is also a "Category 3" prosecutor undertaking serious prosecution work for a number of CPS teams.

Having been at the Bar in Manchester for many years, Louise has been at Lincoln House Chambers since December 2004 where she maintains a very busy crown court practise.

NOTABLE CASES

Louise's practice incorporates an increasingly broad and extensive range of both prosecution and defence cases. Her work includes all aspects of junior criminal work including serious drugs offences, violence and sexual offences, conspiracy, fraud and murder. Recent cases have included:

Serial rapist and sex attacker who drugged his victims– representing a defendant accused of stalking women when they were walking home alone, late at night, attacking and sexually assaulting them. He was also indicted for offences relating to the drugging, rape and indecent assaults upon a number of young teenage girls. There were 9 complainants in total (Liverpool Crown Court, 2009)

Conspiracy to supply Class 'A' drugs – defending in a complex and multi-handed case (Manchester Crown Court, 2009)

Prosecuting to conviction a police officer of the G.M.P. for offences of misconduct in a public office (Manchester Crown Court, 2009)

Historic multiple rape and sexual assault – successfully defending a man accused of raping and indecently assaulting his two sisters (Manchester Crown Court, 2009)

Sexual assault – successfully defending a driving instructor accused of sexually assaulting a pupil (Manchester Crown Court, 2009)

Historic child and sexual abuse (Preston Crown Court, 2008)

Rape – successfully defending a man accused of raping a prostitute (Bolton Crown Court, 2008)

Conspiracy to steal motor vehicles, handling stolen goods and obtaining property by deception – prosecuting to conviction a complex case which revolved around the sophisticated and well planned operation to steal motor vehicles, alter their identities, create false documents and then sell the vehicles on to unsuspecting members of the public via advertisements in the Auto Trader magazine (Bolton Crown Court, 2007)

S.18 Grievous Bodily Harm – defending a man accused of beating and slashing his girlfriend's face 15 times with a razor blade (Preston Crown Court, 2007)

Child cruelty – defending a mother accused of shaking her baby (Manchester Crown Court, 2006)

Double murder and arson (Manchester Crown Court, 2006)

3-month trial in a conspiracy to commit armed robberies (Manchester Crown Court, 2006)

Junior in the successful defence of a client charged in a complex involuntary manslaughter (Leeds Crown Court, 2003)

Junior in a murder trial (Manchester Crown Court, 2002)

Drug-related money laundering (Leeds Crown Court, 2001)

EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

University of Leeds (B.A. Hons Music)
Manchester Metropolitan University (Post Graduate Diploma in Law)
Inns of Court School of Law, London
Middle Temple, 1998
Criminal Bar Association
Category 3 prosecutor

Louise has written and presented a series of ILEX accredited lectures for paralegals, legal executives and Solicitor's clerks. The lectures covered (inter alia) advising suspects at the Police Station, preparing cases for the Crown Court and advising on sentence and appeals.

PERSONAL

Cinema, skiing & snowboarding, music, food, drink and socialising with family and friends.