

Having worked for one of Manchester's leading criminal firms and later successfully running her own business, as a freelance clerk and law costs draftsman, 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.

In 2014 Louise undertook a 6-month secondment to the GMC where she worked advising on, and developing "Guidance on convictions, cautions and determinations" in addition to other areas of policy development.

Over the last 3 years, Louise has increasingly developed her Professional Disciplinary work alongside her Serious Crime practice.

Louise regularly appears on behalf of the General Medical Council, before Investigation Committees and Fitness to Practise Panels, conducting Fitness to Practise, Review and Restoration Hearings.

She presents cases on behalf of the General Medical Council at the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service Interim Orders Panels and appears regularly in High Court on their behalf when seeking interim order extensions.

Criminal Law

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

Violence and Sexual Offences

R v Paul Harrold – Multiple rape, sexual assault and violence, including a firearm. Historic case where the complainant had a 40-year history of mental health difficulties.

R v Harwood – Historic and recent marital rape case. The defendant had been prosecuted for the rape of his first wife, which resulted in the case being ordered to 'lie on the file' when his wife refused to give evidence.

The crown resurrected the case 15 years later when the defendant's second wife alleged she had suffered domestic violence and had been repeatedly raped. Both cases were successfully joined and prosecuted to conviction.

R v Walmsley – Historic sexual abuse case where the complainant came forward after seeing newspaper reports of the defendants conviction for a similar, more recent offence.

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

Historic multiple rape and sexual assault – Successfully defending a man accused of raping and indecently assaulting his two sisters

Sexual assault – successfully defending a driving instructor accused of sexually assaulting a pupil

Historic child and sexual abuse

Rape – successfully defending a man accused of raping a prostitute

S.18 Grievous Bodily Harm – Defending a man accused of beating and slashing his girlfriend's face 15 times with a razor blade

Child cruelty – Defending a mother accused of shaking her baby



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PRACTICE AREAS

Criminal Law
Prison Law
Professional Discipline
Regulatory

EDUCATION

Manchester Metropolitan University (Post Graduate Diploma in Law)

University of Leeds (B.A. Hons Music)

Inns of Court School of Law, London

Middle Temple, 1998

PROFESSIONAL

Category 3 Prosecutor

MEMBERSHIPS

Criminal Bar Association

Murder and Manslaughter

Successful defence of a client charged in a complex involuntary manslaughter

Double murder and arson

Junior in a murder trial

Conspiracy

Conspiracy to supply Class 'A' drugs – defending in a complex and multi-handed case

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

3-month trial in a conspiracy to commit armed robberies

Other

Parveen – Complex charity fraud, involving multiple defendants charged with conspiracy to defraud the local area council and the National Lottery Fund. The crown offered no evidence against the defendant after the defence had identified shortcomings in the evidence relied upon.

Drug-related money laundering

Prosecuting to conviction a police officer of the G.M.P. for offences of misconduct in a public office

Training and Lectures

After securing the first successful prosecution in the UK of a prison inmate charged with a fraudulent claim for compensation against HM Prison Service, Louise advised the Service on tackling prison inmate fraud. She presented a series of lectures at the National Prison Service College at Newbold Revel, Rugby and advised on additional cases nationwide.

More recently Louise has been involved in the development of training for new recruits to the GMC legal and paralegal teams.

Quote from recent Case

"I just wanted to formally thank you for the outstanding representation you provided.

Your preparation, attention to detail, quick thinking and professionalism were evident throughout the case. However more importantly, the level of care and concern you showed enabled us to cope with what was undoubtedly the most stressful and painful time that our family has ever faced.

You listened to us and kept us involved at all times, clearly explaining due process and everything you were doing.



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