

Ellen Shaw was called to the bar in 2014 and has a mixed criminal and civil practice. Ellen practices in criminal, civil, regulatory and immigration law.

Ellen joined Chambers as a tenant in September 2016, after successfully completing her pupillage under the supervision of HHJ Nicholls and Katherine Pierpoint.

Ellen has since been instructed to both prosecute and defend in the Magistrates and Crown Court in a wide range of cases including offences against the person, dishonesty, drugs and driving offences.

Ellen is regularly instructed by the Greater Manchester Police and the Serious Fraud Office to review material to assess whether it is subject to Legal Professional Privilege, these instructions often require a detailed Advice to facilitate disclosure.

In her Immigration practice, Ellen has appeared in the Immigration Tribunal on numerous occasions; acting both for the Home Office and also for the Appellant. Ellen's experience covers Asylum, Article 8, Entry Clearance and Dependant Relatives.

In her Personal Injury practice, Ellen has appeared in the County Court in road traffic accident cases at portal hearings and at trial, including those which involve credit hire issues. She has also advised on both liability and quantum in a range of personal injury matters.

Crime

Ellen is level 1 prosecutor and undertakes a wide range of criminal defence and prosecution work including violence, dishonesty, drugs, public disorder, sexual offences, driving, regulatory offences and confiscation proceedings. She receives instructions in the Crown Court, Youth Court and Magistrates' Court. In addition, she is frequently instructed as a private prosecutor, undertaking work for The Insolvency Service, The Post Office, HMRC, DWP and TM EYE Legal. Ellen regularly prepares and presents legal applications and arguments, such as bad character, dismissal, disclosure, abuse of process, applications to exclude evidence, and submissions of no case to answer.

Ellen has been instructed in cases involving vulnerable witnesses requiring the use of ABE interviews and has experience of cases involving special measures applications; recently being court appointed to represent a defendant who was deemed unfit to plead and also instructed in cases involving expert evidence across a number of areas.

Ellen is regularly instructed by Greater Manchester Police for Legal Privilege reviews which involve thorough analysis of documents, legal research and preparing advice which would be used by the Police in the event that the issue falls to be determined by a Judge.

Regulatory and Professional Discipline

Ellen spent time assisting David Balcombe QC (of 1 Crown Office Row) in Fitness to Practice proceedings before the MPTS, researching various aspects of substantive and procedural law for the GMC, and advising on a number of topics including service on doctors residing in a foreign jurisdiction.

Ellen also spent time assisting more senior members of chambers, including working with Andrew Thomas QC on a corporate manslaughter and health and safety prosecution in Preston Crown Court (R v Baldwins Crane Hire Ltd), resulting in the widely publicised conviction of the defendant company, and aiding Lisa Roberts QC and Austin Welch with the preparation of a seminar on the new Health and Safety Guidelines. She also helps to conduct training days for solicitors and local authorities

Ellen is currently engaged as Junior Counsel on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.



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Immigration & Asylum

QUALIFICATIONS

University of Bristol
LLB Law with Study Abroad (Singapore): 2:1

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Civil

Ellen acts regularly in all areas of personal injury work; both through the provision of advice on quantum and at court hearings; undertaking work for both claimants and defendants at small claims and fast track hearings, infant settlement approval hearings and MOJ Stage 3 hearings. She regularly acts in cases relating to road traffic accidents, including those involving credit hire.

Immigration

Ellen accepts instructions before the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) and the Upper Tribunal and has particular experience in cases involving asylum and human rights arguments, acting for both the Home Office and Appellants.

Other Experience

Ellen is a University of Bristol Graduate and a scholar of The Middle Temple. During her degree, she studied at the National University of Singapore undertaking courses in comparative criminal law, media and entertainment law, and cyber security law. Ellen has also travelled to a number of places spanning South-East Asia, including Myanmar and the Philippines.

Combining her legal experience with her love of horse riding, Ellen has given talks to a number of riding and bridleway associations affiliated to the British Horse Society, alongside the BHS and representatives of Greater Manchester, Cheshire, and Lancashire Police. Ellen has been working with the road safety campaigns "Dead Slow" and "Operation Considerate", including a talk at GMP's Mounted division to over 200 people. Ellen has assisted with the interpretation of road traffic legislation and the Highway Code to help the BHS in their campaign. Ellen has also been quoted in Equisaftey's recent launch of their hat mounted video cameras and her comments have been published by the British Equestrian Trade Association and Your Horse Magazine.



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