

Ellen is an established and well-regarded junior who specialises in crime, regulatory, and professional discipline.

Ellen has been instructed to both prosecute and defend in a wide range of cases including offences against the person, dishonesty, drugs, sexual offences, intellectual property, driving offences, breach proceedings and cases involving proceeds of crime applications. Ellen provides advice and assistance to both the prosecution and defence on all aspects and stages of the criminal and regulatory enforcement process including: enforcement notices, the investigation, the decision to prosecute, PII and disclosure issues, as well as advice on evidence, procedure, sentence and appeal.

Ellen is a level 2 Crown Court prosecutor, as well as receiving regular instructions as a regulatory and private prosecutor frequently for national government departments including the HMRC, DWP, DVLA and DVSA as well as Local Councils and organisations such as the Post Office.

Ellen is also a member of the specialist Regulatory Advocates panel in Health and Safety and Environmental law.

In her defence practice Ellen receives instructions to act along-side leading counsel but also regularly acts as solely instructed counsel in cases where the prosecution and other defendants have both leading and junior counsel.

Ellen accepts instructions on all types of regulatory and public law matters.

Ellen is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual abuse working on the Roman Catholic Investigation (instructed July 2017).

Crime

Ellen is a level 2 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.

Ellen is also frequently instructed as a private prosecutor, undertaking work for The Insolvency Service, The Post Office, HMRC, DWP, DVLA and TM EYE Legal.

Ellen also receives instructions to defend against prosecutions by Local Authorities and other bodies including the RSPCA, she also has experience defending in cases instructed by the Police Federation.

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 in applying for and defending against special measures applications. Ellen has also been instructed in a number of cases where defendants were deemed unfit to plead and were resolved by Hospital Orders.

Ellen is regularly instructed by Greater Manchester Police and the Serious Fraud Office as independent counsel for Legal Privilege determinations to review material to assess whether it is subject to Legal Professional Privilege, these instructions often require a detailed Advice to facilitate disclosure in complex multi-handed cases.



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Ellen is currently engaged as Junior Counsel to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse specifically instructed on the Roman Catholic Inquiry. In this role Ellen ensures disclosure is complete and accurate, formulates evidence proposals and drafts witness questions for leading counsel, she has also overseen the rule 10 procedure, confirming which questions from the Core Participants will be adopted by Counsel to the Inquiry. She was also one of the four counsel who drafted the Ampleforth and Downside report.

Ellen is a regulatory list C practitioner and accepts instructions to both prosecute and defend in regulatory cases, she has significant experience in this area having spent time assisting Andrew Thomas QC prosecuting a defendant company for corporate manslaughter and health and safety offences (R v BCHL, convicted). Ellen receives instructions in all Environment agency and Health and Safety matters.

Ellen spent time assisting senior counsel in Fitness to Practice proceedings before the MPTS, as well as researching various aspects of substantive and procedural law for the General Medical Council and advising on a number of topics including service on doctors residing in a foreign jurisdiction. Ellen has also undertaken work for the Royal College of Nursing. Ellen additionally has experience of representing individuals in the mental health tribunal.

Ellen has experience in licensing cases and is frequently instructed to deal with cases involving taxi licensing. Ellen also has experience of education authority work, trading standards, anti-social behaviour and food hygiene.

Recent examples of cases include:

R v AA and others – defence of a lady charged with attempting to pervert the course of public justice on an indictment also containing Murder and Attempted murder where the defendants were all family members. Ellen was instructed as sole junior when all but one of the defendants and the prosecution had leading and junior counsel.

Operation Tweed. R v DH and R v ML – defence of two men in separate trials under the same operation concerning the historic physical abuse of boys in care homes in the 1970-80s. The only counsel to have clients in both trials under this operation and to have both acquitted. Ellen was instructed as sole counsel in both cases where the prosecution had both leading and junior counsel.

R v TJ - defence of a young man (18) charged with a knife point robbery. Acquitted.

R v EB and others – defence, led junior in a case where three Police Officers were charged with conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

R v CH - defence of a man charged with criminal damage in the context of a neighbour dispute. Acquitted.

R v DS – defence of a man charged with a domestic violence assault. Acquitted

R v AT-P – defence of a single mother charged with committing an act to pervert the course of justice. Crown Offered no evidence

RSPCA v JE and others – defence of three defendants all charged with a large number of animal cruelty counts.

R v KH – defence of a man charged with several counts of Fraud, trial conducted in absence of defendant.



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Ellen Shaw

Call to the Bar: 2014

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, Ellen also took opportunity to travel 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 worked 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. She was awarded the BHS Sephton award in 2017 for services to rider safety.



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