

Anna's experience covers a broad spectrum of Criminal Law. She accepts instructions in the Magistrates' Court, Youth Court and Crown Court in all types of hearings.

Prior to the bar, Anna gained international experience with the Texas Defender Service, an independent charity which focuses on death row appeals. Aside from daily casework and client conferences, Anna was responsible for drafting information documents on the appeals process in Texas.

A recipient of the McDermott QC International Scholarship, Anna had the opportunity to work closely with the American Counsel Association. Her internship took place across various offices of Heyl Rosyter, a multi-disciplinary firm based in Illinois.

As a former Chairperson of the Northern Ireland Youth Assembly Panel, Anna continued to explore the issue of devolution in Northern Ireland during her legal study. A piece critiquing devolution appears in the fourth volume of the Manchester Review of Law, Crime and Ethics.

Anna has volunteered with a mental health charity and has experience of dealing with sensitive situations.

## Criminal Law

Anna deals with all aspects of Criminal Law. She has experience of:

- Violent offences
- Drug-related offences
- Sexual offences
- Fraud and theft offences
- Road traffic offences

Anna is regularly instructed to deal with young and vulnerable clients. Included in her Magistrates' Court experience are multiple motoring cases including Special Reasons hearings, Exceptional Hardship arguments and, licencing appeals.

Anna has particular aptitude in the Youth Court where she has dealt with matters of the utmost seriousness.

## Regulatory

Anna has experience of the procedure in hearings for the General Medical Council ('GMC') as the former Pro Bono Student Director for the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service at BPP University.

Anna is available to accept instructions in all types of professional disciplinary proceedings.

## Civil

Anna is available to accept instructions in civil cases.

## Notable Cases:

**R v BG (youth)** – Represented a 15-year-old in a two-day trial for threatening with a knife in a public place and affray. A successful submission was made in relation to both charges at the close of the prosecution case under Limb 2 of R v Galbraith. Both charges were dropped accordingly.

**R v TB (youth)** – Trial for a 16-year-old defendant of previous good character, charged with the assault of a vulnerable young woman and her mother. Secured an acquittal through exposing the inconsistencies in the prosecution's case and highlighting the evidential weaknesses.

**R v TR (youth)** – Persuaded judge not to impose the mandatory minimum sentence for possession of a knife, despite the fact that the knife was used in dangerous circumstances, to stab someone in the face. To impose the mandatory minimum would be unjust in all the circumstances. The defendant avoided a custodial sentence.

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## PRACTICE AREAS

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## MEMBERSHIPS

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## AWARDS

Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn  
Hardwicke Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn  
Wolfson Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn  
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BPTC - BPP Manchester (Very Competent)  
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**R v GG** – This trial concerned six separate charges for breach of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order ('SHPO'). This required rigorous cross examination of police officers who had witnessed the alleged breaches in public places. Successfully dropped the case under Limb 1 of R v Galbraith, as the prosecution had failed to demonstrate each aspect of the alleged breaches.

**R v MM** – Represented a client charged with the assault of two police officers in the execution of their duty. Through carefully crafted questions in cross examination, demonstrated that the officers were using such excessive force that they were no longer acting within the course of their duty. An element of the offence was missing, so the defendant was acquitted of these charges.

**R v MD** – Professional young man of previous good character charged with possession of cannabis and an offensive weapon. Secured an acquittal, as he may not have been aware of the existence of the items.

**R v CB** – Young man charged with s.20 OAPA (wounding). Victim had sustained life-changing injuries. Persuaded the judge to adopt an exceptional course and sentence outside the range on the sentencing guidelines. Given a 9 month Suspended Sentence Order.

**R v PB** – Defendant was charged with assaulting his step-son, who had profound educational needs. Defendant was of previous good character. Through prompting further disclosure in drafting a Defence Statement, the prosecution dropped the case before trial.

**R v OB** – Charge of possession of articles for use in fraud (counterfeit bank cards). Although the defendant could not dispute his possession of the cards, he did not understand the cards were counterfeit, or were to be used in the scheme of a fraud. The judge was persuaded by these submissions and acquitted the defendant.

**R v SB** – Trial for fraud by false representation with a value of £23,000. Although the defendant was convicted, the judge was persuaded to go outside the sentencing guidelines for this offence. He was sentenced to a low-level community order with a stand-alone requirement, when the guidelines suggested a custodial sentence.

**R v JJ** – Successfully excluded medical evidence which was crucial to the Prosecution case under s.78 PACE on the basis it was not properly exhibited, and served late.

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