

Anna enjoys a busy Crown Court practice, with a healthy mixture of prosecution and defence work. Whilst managing work both typical of and beyond her level of call, Anna has also been instructed as a led junior in long-running, serious criminal cases.

Aside from her criminal practice, Anna has conducted several Fitness to Practice hearings before the Nursing and Midwifery Council ('NMC') on behalf of nurses.

The overlap between criminal and regulatory law is of interest to Anna, who completed a three-month secondment with the Information Commissioners' Office ('ICO'), assisting their criminal prosecutions team.

Anna has been appointed to the Specialist List of Regulatory Advocates and is able to receive instructions on behalf of the Health and Safety Executive, Environment Agency and CQC. However her work in these areas is not restricted to the prosecution, she also undertakes defence work in a number of regulatory areas.

Anna has defended in a significant number of driving offence matters and has an impressive track record for her work in this area. Her services are specifically sought by a number of specialist solicitors as a result of her experience of driving cases involving complex matters of law and procedure. Additionally, Anna represents holders of operator's licences and drivers alike before the Office of the Traffic Commissioner.

Prior to the Bar, Anna enjoyed a brief period working as a recruitment consultant in Manchester. Further, she developed her pro-bono experience through a three-month secondment with the Texas Defender Service, advising on death row appeals.

Anna is a member of the Criminal Bar Association, the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers and a member of the Northern Circuit.

Anna is qualified to accept instructions on a Direct Access basis.

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

Regulatory Law

Anna has conducted a variety of successful hearings before the NMC, and looks forward to cultivating a practice with the other healthcare regulators. Anna is on the list of Specialist Regulatory Advocates, and is a member of the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers.



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AWARDS

Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

Hardwicke Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

Wolfson Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

McDermott QC International Scholarship

Excellence Scholarship, BPP University

Outstanding Contribution to Pro Bono,
BPP University

RG Lawson Prize for Human Rights Law,
University of Manchester

Distinguished Contribution Award,
BPP University

EDUCATION

BPTC - BPP Manchester (Very Competent)

LLB (Hons) - University of Manchester
- First Class

Driving Offences & Traffic Commissioner

Anna has a proven track record in defending Driving Offences & Traffic Commissioner cases and undertakes work far in advance of her call in these areas.

Specific areas of expertise include:

- Exceptional hardship arguments.
- Special reasons arguments.
- Hearings for failure to respond to a s.172 Notice.
- Appeals in the Crown Court, specifically driving bans and penalty points.

Civil Law

Anna can deal with a range of civil matters. She has provided representation at Stage 3 hearings, small claims trials and fast track trials.

Health & Safety

The Health and Safety Executive recently instructed Anna as junior counsel in the successful prosecution of a national construction company.

Notable cases include:

R v BNMC v MD – Represented a Nurse in front of the NMC. The allegations were of gross misconduct and dishonesty. Upon hearing the evidence and submissions, the panel found the charges not proved.

G (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.

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.



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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.

R v AC & Others - led junior in successful prosecution of five of seven defendants charged with kidnap, false imprisonment and possession of a firearm.

R v CL - successful exceptional hardship argument advanced on behalf of a client who would have lost his job and, in turn, suffered with his mental health, if he was disqualified.

NMC v PL - successful submission of no case to answer in high profile NMC case. The evidence advanced on behalf of the NMC consisted of twenty-nine live witnesses, and took fourteen weeks to complete.



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