

Victoria Lewis is a criminal law specialist who appears regularly in the Crown Court and is able to mitigate powerfully on her clients' behalf. She has secured significant reductions in sentence for her clients, including the imposition of a community order (in place of an immediate custodial sentence) for supply of cannabis where the client had significant mental health difficulties. She is known for being realistic and concise in her submissions, which helps to achieve the best possible result for her clients.

Victoria has undertaken work as junior counsel on cases involving serious sexual offences and murder, which has involved reviewing material in accordance with disclosure duties. Victoria is able to effectively manage and undertake tasks involving significant volumes of evidence. As junior counsel working on the Infected Blood Inquiry, she has conducted extensive document reviews containing sensitive material and is able to channel numerous documents into a usable format. Victoria has also undertaken a significant analysis of solicitor case files task in a professional disciplinary in the medical professions context. In addition, Victoria is often instructed to research niche points of law by senior colleagues within chambers, she produces written work of a particularly high standard and has received glowing feedback from leading silks for the thoroughness of her work.

Victoria has specific expertise in areas involving human rights issues and public law.

In addition to her work in the Crown Court and on large scale document review work, Victoria also has extensive experience prosecuting and defending trials in the Magistrates Court. This work has included domestic violence cases, dishonesty matters and driving offences, as well as regular legal applications dealing with hearsay and bad character evidence. She now prosecutes interlocutory hearings and sentences in the Crown Court as a Level 1 CPS Prosecutor and has appeared in the Court of Appeal.

During university, Victoria worked with a wide range of organisations including the Oxford Pro Bono Unit and Citizens Advice, as well as mentoring young people through various access initiatives. Whilst completing her LLM (BPTC), she conducted her own cases at the Free Representation Unit and was successful in a social security appeal in the First-Tier Tribunal.

She volunteered regularly with the Personal Support Unit, which offers pastoral support to those facing the court process on their own. As such, Victoria is particularly adept at working with vulnerable clients and those with additional needs. She is able to build rapport with her clients and make them feel at ease.

Through her work with Evolve, a charity assisting death penalty appellants in Uganda, Victoria helped to draft submissions which led to a successful appeal against conviction and sentence, meaning the appellant was released after spending over 8 years on death row.



## CONTACT DETAILS

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Criminal Law

Civil Law

Driving Offences

## Memberships

Honourable Society of Inner Temple

Northern Circuit

Criminal Bar Association

## APPOINTMENTS

CPS Level 1

## AWARDS

Major Scholarship – Inner Temple

Human Rights Oxford Law Faculty Prize

Lloyds Scholar 2015-2018

Monk Prize for Criminal Law.

## EDUCATION

LLM (Distinction) BPTC  
– BPP Birmingham

BA Jurisprudence (Hons) –  
University of Oxford

## Publications

Case in Depth – R v Gabbai,  
Archbold Review Issue 9 2020