

Victoria became a tenant in December 2020.

Throughout second six, Victoria has gained 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.

Victoria defends 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.

In civil matters, Victoria has represented both claimants and defendants successfully at trial and has also dealt with a number of legal applications and disclosure requests. Victoria often assists her colleagues with research into niche points of law and produces written work of a particularly high standard. She has specific expertise in areas involving human rights issues and public law.

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.

Victoria is keen to establish a varied practice and is now accepting instructions in immigration matters in addition to her civil and crime work.



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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