

Kim is an extremely popular senior junior who is regularly instructed to both defend and prosecute in significant criminal conspiracies. Kim was called to the Bar in 2010 and practiced from chambers in Preston before joining Lincoln House Chambers in 2022.

Kim's practice focuses on serious crime. She has an abundance of experience across the whole ambit of criminal law and is willing to accept instructions, both as trial advocate and junior counsel, in cases involving extreme violence (inc Murder & Manslaughter), large scale drug conspiracies, serious sexual offences, fraud and dishonesty. Kim has been involved in some of the Northern Circuit's most significant multi handed drug conspiracy matters in recent years.

Kim is well known for her excellent client relationships. Through very thorough early case preparation, Kim is able to gain the confidence and trust of her clients from a very early stage and maintain it throughout the course of the case. Kim is also well known as being a very powerful and persuasive advocate.

Upon completing her undergraduate degree Kim spent time in New Orleans where she undertook an internship with the Capital Post Conviction Project of Louisiana. During this time she was responsible for the investigation and preparation of court documentation for two of the office's most notorious cases (A. Frank and M. Weary).

# **NOTABLE CASES**

#### **Firearms:**

**Operation Brent -** Preston Crown Court - Led Junior for the Crown in the prosecution of seven defendants for conspiracy to rob and inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent.

**Operation Drever** - Manchester Crown Court – Leading Junior for the Crown (CCU) in a prosecution of 4 defendants for conspiracy to possess firearms with intent to endanger life (Encro case).

#### **Drugs:**

**Operation Lawson** - Preston Crown Court. Successfully defended one of eight defendants for a county lines conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

**Operation Jennet** - Preston Crown Court. Successfully defended one of seven defendants for a county lines conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

**Operation Spoonbill** - Teesside Crown Court. Successfully defended one of ten defendants charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs in Blackpool.

**Operation Enigma** - Preston Crown Court. Represented the defendant at the head of a conspiracy to supply class A drugs involving 39 defendants.

**Operation Melford** - Burnley Crown Court. Led Junior for the Crown in successful prosecution of eleven defendants charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

**Operation Thunder** - Preston Crown Court. Initially instructed as led junior for the Crown in a prosecution of 22 defendants for conspiracy to supply class A drugs. I was later instructed as Leading Junior for the Crown for the three listed trials.

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**Operation Pergola** - Burnley Crown Court. Prosecution Counsel for the Crown in a prosecution of nine defendants charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

**Operation Fossick** - Prosecuting a 4 handed drugs conspiracy in Barrow-In-Furness with elements of exploitation under the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

## Murder, Manslaughter & Serious Violence:

**R v Horbury** - Preston Crown Court. Defended in trial of the facts concerning the attempted murder of the defendant's wife. The defendant was not fit to plead or stand trial due to a diagnosis of dementia. He had previously served a life sentence for the murder of his first wife.

**R v Armstrong & others** - Preston Crown Court. Instructed as prosecution counsel in a prosecution of 8 defendants, a number of whom are youths, for offences of inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent and violent disorder.

#### **Robbery:**

**Operation Pintail** - Preston Crown Court. Successful prosecution of four defendants for a spree of commercial robberies involving weapons across Cheshire, Greater Manchester and Lancashire.

**R v Ward & Others** - successfully prosecuted 4 defendants for their role in the burglary and extensive criminal damage committed at Thwaites Brewery in Blackburn in 2018.

### **Sexual Offenses:**

**R v JA -** successful prosecution in the Youth Court of an offence of inciting a child under 13 years to engage in sexual activity. The complainant was 6 years of age.

**Operation Leaf [2019-2022]** - Led Junior for the defence in a ten-week trial involving allegations that the defendant has made false allegations of rape and of human trafficking across the country and abroad.



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