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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Isabelle is a CPS Level 3 Panel member for General Crime and Serious Crime.

She has developed a busy practice prosecuting and defending in cases involving a wide range of offences including drugs, violence, fraud, firearms and sexual offences. She has acted as Led Junior and is confident when handling complex matters of law and issues relating to disclosure.

She also has experience of contested POCA proceedings.

## PROFILE OVERVIEW

Prior to coming to the Bar, Isabelle worked as a paralegal at a central London Legal 500 U.S. immigration law firm assisting with both commercial and criminal matters. She represented clients with criminal convictions across a spectrum of offences including drug offences, public disorder violations and high-level frauds; advocating to the U.S. Department of State for waivers of eligibility on their behalf.

The commercial arm of her work involved the analysis of contracts and financial documentation, where Isabelle worked with some of the UK's largest companies supporting their expansion into the U.S. market.

## EDUCATION

- Bar Professional Training Course with LLM, BPP University London
- LLB (Hons), Queen Mary University of London

## SCHOLARSHIPS & PRIZES

- Johan Steyn Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Debating Shield Competition, Semi-Finalist, Lincoln's Inn

## ASSOCIATIONS

Isabelle currently sits on the Bar Representation Committee at The Honourable Society Lincoln's Inn. In this role, she represents the interest members of the Hall, in particular junior members and those practising outside of London. She has recently been elected representative for the Northern Circuit at the Inn.

During her time at university, Isabelle was elected President of her University Bar Society. Through this, she organised events for students wishing to pursue a career at the Bar with a view to increasing access to the profession. She also volunteered with organisations including Street Law and the Refugee Council.

## NOTABLE CASES

### Drugs and Firearms Offences:

- Operation Vickerstown (2025): Prosecuted defendant charged with conspiracy to transfer firearms and conspiracy to supply multi-kilogram amounts of Cocaine. Case involved EncroChat material and firearms expert.
- R v KB (2025): Prosecuted conspiracy to supply Cocaine in Lancashire area.
- Operation Rhino (2025): Represented defendant in multi-handed case involving conspiracy to produce and supply 70kg of Cannabis. Basis of plea submitted. Suspended sentence imposed.
- Operation Lemonlike (2024): Led Junior for prosecution in case involving the importation of 1.3 tonnes of Cocaine into the UK (street value of £140 million).
- Operation Chelsea (2024): Led Junior for prosecution in Conspiracy to Supply Class A and B drugs in the Lancashire area.
- R v DW (2024): Represented defendant charged with possession of an imitation firearm resulting in an armed police response. Case involved fitness to plead issues. Community order imposed following sentence.
- R v AA (2023): Prosecuted defendant charged with PWITS Class A and Class B drugs and possession of criminal property. Convictions secured following trial.
- R v AF (2023): Represented defendant at sentence charged with PWTIS Class A drugs (1.2 kilograms of Cocaine) and possession of criminal property. Successfully advanced 'lesser role' at sentence.

### Violence:

- R v CN (2024): Prosecuted defendant charged with S.18 wounding involving a machete attack at a nightclub. Conviction secured following trial.
- Operation Album (2024): Led Junior for prosecution in case involving multiple kidnaps, possession of a firearm and theft of cryptocurrency by an Organised Crime Group.
- R v BC (2023): Suspended sentence for 20 year old defendant who pleaded guilty to S.20 inflicting grievous bodily harm. Presented mitigation as to the defendant's previous good character, young age, efforts to rehabilitate himself, as well as references from parents and employer; eight month suspended sentence imposed.
- R v AO and JS (2023): Represented both mother and son charged with 6 counts of criminal damage and possession of an offensive weapon. One charge discontinued after legal argument, acquitted on all other charges after trial.

### Theft and Fraud:

- Operation Zagreb (2023): Junior Alone representing defendant (SC) charged with conspiracy to defraud, valued at £1.2 million pounds, and money laundering. Multi-handed case brought by the North Yorkshire Trading Standards. No evidence offered in relation to SC at half time on conspiracy to defraud. Following extensive mitigation, suspended sentence imposed on remaining charge at sentence.
- R v JC (2023): Represented defendant charged with a number of thefts and attempted thefts of Audis from car showrooms. Case brought on CCTV/ ID evidence of a police officer. Written application, advanced under Section 78 PACE, to exclude the purported controlled identification of the officer. No evidence offered by the Crown in response.

### POCA:

- R v BL (2024): Led Junior for prosecution in POCA proceedings involving a Benefit Figure of £2 million.

### Sexual Offences:

- Operation Lytton (2025): Led Junior for defence in Rochdale grooming case involving historic allegations of rape.