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Alejandra Llorente Tascon is a highly sought-after advocate with experience in defending, prosecuting, and presenting complex and sensitive cases. She is ranked in The Legal 500 directory as a "Leading Junior" (Tier 3) and has established a reputation as a determined and highly capable barrister. Her testimonials state: *"She is a measured and calm advocate, presenting her arguments with clarity and precision"*.

Alejandra has a breadth of experience in regulation, professional discipline, and criminal law. She is regularly instructed as sole counsel in voluminous, complex, and sensitive cases, often involving vulnerable persons or serious allegations. She has advised and represented clients across a wide range of matters before professional regulators (such as the Nursing and Midwifery Council, the Health and Care Professions Council, the SFO, the FCA, Education Workforce Council, General Pharmaceutical Council and Teaching Regulation Agency), the Crown Court, and the Court of Appeal.

Alejandra is also experienced in public inquiries, having been instructed by a core participant in the COVID-19 Inquiry as junior counsel.

Alejandra has a wealth of experience advising on investigations, both in regulatory matters and criminal proceedings; as well as advising on legal professional privilege (LPP) in high-profile cases.

Alejandra is a contributing author of The Civil Court Practice Green Book, published by LexisNexis, and an author on the Anti-Money Laundering and Financial Services Training course provided by ABC LLP.

Alejandra is a native Spanish speaker.

Expertise

Crime

Alejandra's cases include murder and attempted murder, rape and attempted rape, historic sexual offences, kidnap, serious violence, firearms, gang related tit-for-tat shootings and stabbings and county-lines drugs cases involving EncroChat devices.

She is also instructed in complex financial crime, dishonesty offences and POCA.

Alejandra has experience in cross-examining experts and dealing with young or vulnerable witnesses and defendants. She is meticulous with her case preparation and this, in combination with her thoughtful and authoritative questioning, ensures that she represents her clients with mastery of the law and the facts

Notable Crime cases

R v Q [2024] [Woolwich Crown Court]

Alejandra, led by James Martin, represented the defendant who was charged with conspiracy to kidnap and false imprisonment. The defendant was one of eight others charged on this conspiracy. The case involved complex issues in relation to hearsay and absent witnesses. The defendant was acquitted of all charges after the Crown offered no evidence on day seven of trial.

R v CK [2023] [Central Criminal Court]

Alejandra, led by Liam Walker KC of Doughty Street Chambers in representing CK, a well-known rapper on the Urban music scene. CK is charged with perverting the course of justice and possession of ammunition without a firearm certificate following a gang related tit-for-tat shooting on the Harrow Road in 2019. The five-month trial took place in 2022, following which the jury were unable to reach verdicts for CK.

Media coverage:

[Brent & Kilburn Times](#)

[The Standard](#)

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R v BL [2023] [Wood Green Crown Court]

Alejandra was instructed as the Leading Junior to represent BL, who was charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs. The case related to a large-scale conspiracy to supply drugs across the UK, involving voluminous telephone downloads, covert observations and police intelligence records. The trial was halted during the Crown's

case and the jury was discharged.

R v BAC [2023] [Woolwich Crown Court]

Alejandra, acting on behalf of the CPS, prosecuted the case against BAC, who was charged with seven counts of rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault. The Crown's case was that BAC took advantage of the complainant's drunken state following a night out for her birthday, raped her in a car park and outside a leisure centre while she was unconscious due to intoxication and then took her to her house. When the complainant woke up the following morning, the defendant failed to tell her that they had engaged in sexual acts the night before and instead told her that her clothes were muddy because she had fallen on the floor on the way home. The multiple rapes are captured on CCTV.

R v NH [2022] [Central Criminal Court]

Alejandra, led by Liam Walker KC, represented the Defendant, a youth, who was charged with joint enterprise murder following a stabbing on a busy London High Street. The case involved complex arguments on the admissibility of gang membership evidence and the law on joint enterprise. Following legal arguments and the robust cross-examination of police officers, the Defendant was found Not Guilty.

Anjorin v R [2022] EWCA Crim 1931

Alejandra represented the Appellant at the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) on an appeal against the imposition of a 28-month sentence of immediate imprisonment at Norwich Crown Court, following guilty pleas to two counts of Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs. She successfully argued that the sentencing judge had failed to apply any discount to the Appellant's sentence for personal circumstances and personal mitigation. Following successful appeal, the sentence was reduced to 24 months imprisonment, suspended for two years.

R v M [2022] [Bournemouth Crown Court]

Alejandra represented the Defendant as Junior alone, charged with attempting to murder his mother. The Defendant was highly vulnerable suffering from serious mental health issues.

R v MMJ [2021] [Woolwich Crown Court]

Alejandra represented the Defendant, a youth, charged with attempted murder following a stabbing in a busy southeast London shopping centre in the middle of the day. The victim suffered 41 stab wounds and a collapsed lung. It was alleged that the attack was gang related.

MB v R [2021] [Court of Appeal]

Alejandra, led by Sarah Jones KC and instructed by Advocate, represented the Appellant on an appeal against conviction at the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) following his conviction for 12 counts of rape and sexual

assault against his step-children. It was successfully argued that the trial judge had erroneously applied the section 41 YJCEA 1999 provisions and therefore deprived the jury from key evidence in support of the Appellant's case. Following successful appeal on conviction, a re-trial was ordered, and the appellant was acquitted by a jury of all counts.

Regulation

Alejandra has a flourishing regulatory practice acting on behalf of regulators and professionals. She is regularly instructed to appear on behalf of professionals before disciplinary tribunals. Alejandra has appeared before the Nursing and Midwifery Council, Social Work England, Education Workforce Council, General Pharmaceutical Council and Health and Care Professions Council in final hearings, interim orders, and substantive order reviews. She is regularly instructed by the Teaching Regulation Agency to assist during the investigation stages for new referrals. Alejandra is known for her thorough and insightful case preparation, as well as her ability to deal with vulnerable clients.

In addition, Alejandra has experience in financial regulation, with expertise in anti-money laundering, bribery, and sanctions. She has worked on several matters for the SFO and the FCA, often with a Spanish-language element. Alejandra is the author for the AML and Financial Services Training course provided by ABC LLP.

Alejandra has experience in dealing with The Advertising Standards Authority and Natural England cases, and prosecutions involving teachers and other medical professionals.

Notable Regulation cases

NMC v AN

Alejandra acted on behalf of a Registered Midwife facing numerous allegations of dishonesty and breaches of conditions of practice. Following evidence and submission, the RM the allegations of dishonesty were found not proven.

EWC v KB

Alejandra acted on behalf of the registered teacher facing numerous allegations of dishonesty and lack of integrity. Full admissions were made at the conclusion of the Registrant's case. At the conclusion of submissions on sanction, the panel imposed a reprimand.

NMC v JB

Alejandra acted on behalf of the Registrant. The case involved a Registered Midwife facing numerous allegations of not escalating serious clinical matters during high-risk labours, fetal distress, retained placenta, leaving unwell and labouring women unattended and bullying. At the conclusion of submission on interim suspensions, the panel imposed conditions of practice.

NMC v RB

The case involved a Registered nurse facing multiple allegations of sexual abuse against his colleagues.

SWE v EC

This case involved a Social Worker facing allegations of poor record keeping, dishonesty and inappropriate behaviour towards service users.

HCP v KJ

Alejandra represented the registrant facing allegations of dishonesty and being under the influence of alcohol whilst conducting clinical treatments.

GPhC v TJ

The case involved a pharmacist who made inappropriate comments about COVID -19 scepticism during his clinical practice.

Public Law

Alejandra has previously been instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service's Directorate of Legal Services as junior counsel in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. Alejandra's work involved reviewing documents for relevance, redacting sensitive material, and determining the disclosure status of voluminous bundles of material. In addition to this, Alejandra has experience and often accepts instructions from government agencies (such as The Serious Fraud Office) as LPP and document review counsel.

Most recently, Alejandra was instructed by UK Health Security Agency as junior counsel in the COVID-19 Inquiry. During her time acting for UKHSA, Alejandra took instructions from witnesses, drafted Rule 9 statements for the inquiry, assisted in the preparation of exhibit bundles to accompany witness statements.

As a result of Alejandra's experience above, she is confident in working with relativity and other document sharing platforms.

Alejandra has SC level security clearance and DBS clearance.

Education

- PGDip Bar Professional Training Course, City Law School (2015 – 2016)
- LLB (Hons) Law with Spanish, The University of Sheffield (2011 – 2015)
- Spanish Law, La Universitat de Valencia (2013 – 2014)

Professional Associations/Memberships

- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Scholarships/Awards

- Criminal Bar Association Bursary for Excellence in Advocacy (2019)
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- The Marshall Hall Pupillage Award, Inner Temple (2018)
- The University of Sheffield Graduate Award (2015)

Appointments

- CPS Serious Crime Panel Grade 3
- CPS General Crime Panel Grade 3
- CPS RASSO Panel
- CPS Fraud Panel Grade 2
- SC Security Clearance
- NMC Case Presenter Trained