

# Alexandra Scott

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Alexandra is an intelligent, incisive and persuasive criminal defence advocate.

She is an experienced jury advocate with a reputation for securing outstanding results for her clients.

Alexandra is known for her easy manner with lay clients and building strong working relationships with instructing solicitors. She is particularly adept in her sensitive handling of vulnerable clients and understands the complexities of issues posed in their cases. She is unflinching in cross-examination, whilst being engaging and persuasive in her closing speeches.

In her practice, Alexandra has been instructed on a wide range of sensitive, demanding and high-profile cases, from conspiracies to supply sub-machine guns and sexual offences through to high-value frauds. Alexandra has extensive experience of cases involving high volumes of evidence, disclosure, legal argument, expert evidence and 'cut-throat' defences.

Alexandra has experience of acting in civil and criminal POCA proceedings, extradition, licensing, and health and safety cases.

Alexandra is ranked as a Leading Junior in both Crime and Fraud: Crime in the Legal 500 2022.

## Expertise

# Crime

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Alexandra's criminal practice encompasses organised crime, serious violence and sexual offences.

Equally adept at dealing with complex telephonic data as she is cross-examining witnesses, Alexandra has defended in serious, high-profile cases including cocaine importation, brothel keeping and firearms conspiracies. She takes a tactical approach to multi-handed cases, and understands the nuances of organised crime.

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## Notable Crime cases

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### [R v B \[2022\] Isleworth Crown Court](#)

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Defendant acquitted of attempting to cause grievous bodily harm to two police officers.

### [R v T \[2021\] Warwick Crown Court Operation Crossfeed](#)

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Led by James Tilbury, representing a young man accused of kidnap and perverting the course of justice following the stabbing of two members of a rival gang by an associate.

### [R v L \[2021\] Isleworth Crown Court](#)

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Represented the first of four defendants facing an allegation of gang rape, in a trial that involved scrutiny of significant amounts of medical evidence and CCTV.

### [R v G \[2021\] Inner London Crown Court](#)

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Acquittal secured for a man in his seventies charged with exposure, relying on expert evidence from a urologist as to the impact of the medication he was taking at the time.

### [R v C \[2021\] Harrow Crown Court](#)

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Written representations in conjunction with reports from two psychiatrists and a psychologist persuaded the Crown that it was not in the public interest to proceed with a trial of issue against her vulnerable client, who faced an allegation of false imprisonment as part of a wider conspiracy to kidnap and blackmail a teenager.

### [R v G \[2021\] Reading Crown Court Operation Lithuania](#)

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Instructed to represent a defendant accused of encouraging or assisting an offender in relation to offences of

false imprisonment and blackmail stemming from a large county lines conspiracy. My London News (<https://www.mylondon.news/news/west-london-news/horrendous-gangsters-groomed-threatened-vulnerable-21579013>).

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#### R v R [2021] St Albans Crown Court Operation Amang

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Conspiracy to steal count stayed following a successful abuse of process argument brought on the basis that to allow the matter to proceed would be an affront to justice.

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#### R v S [2020] Cardiff Crown Court

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Operation Jackdaw 2 – Appeared for a vulnerable defendant charged as part of a drugs conspiracy valued at £16 million, securing a suspended sentence.

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#### R v Z [2020] Wood Green Crown Court

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Operation Emohawk – A case involving drugs and the illegal sex trade, led by Richard Furlong. Defendant charged with two conspiracies. Drafted the successful submission of ‘no case to answer’ on the conspiracy to run a brothel count; client found not guilty by the jury on the drugs conspiracy.

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#### R v D [2019] Isleworth Crown Court

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Operation Mandebbras – Complex trial involving multiple conspiracies to facilitate immigration offences, led by James Tilbury.

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#### R v D [2019] Basildon Crown Court

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Acquittal secured for a vulnerable young man facing an allegation of rape, an intermediary being required for his evidence. The case involved cross-examination of two children and analysis of a large amount of phone contact, cross-referencing calls and text messages to demonstrate that it was actually the complainant instigating contact.

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#### R v P [2019] Derby Crown Court

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Defendant accused of rape, sexual assault, and coercive and controlling behaviour. Successfully applied to adduce the bad character of the complainant and secured ‘not guilty’ verdicts at the end of the three-week trial. This was despite text messages in evidence which appeared to amount to a confession.

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#### R v X [2019] Woolwich Crown Court

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Avoided a potential 'cut-throat' to secure 'not guilty' verdicts for a promising young footballer who was the first of five young defendants prosecuted for a joint enterprise stabbing that took place in broad daylight in a residential street, in spite of the complainant identifying her client as the man with the knife, and the Crown's assertion that he could be seen holding a knife on CCTV footage of the defendants fleeing the scene.

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R v H [2018] Manchester Crown Court

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Crown compelled to offer no evidence in a multi-handed violent disorder, following the service of a s.78 argument to exclude the identification evidence at the start of the trial.

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R v N [2017] Lewes Crown Court

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Rape allegation. Successful applications to adduce the complainant's sexual history and bad character. 'Not guilty' verdict secured in spite of lies told at interview.

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R v D [2017] Lewes Crown Court

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Led by Colin Aylott QC in a multi-handed case relating to an allegation of murder and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

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R v Qosja [2017] 1 Cr App. R. 17

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Point of law taken at first instance and on appeal – with leave – as to the immediacy of fear of violence requisite to make out a section 4A offence of stalking ([discussed here](#))

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R v K [2016] Harrow Crown Court

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Represented a young man of good character accused of causing grievous bodily harm by breaking the complainant's leg; acquittal secured on the basis of self-defence, relying on the evidence of a defence expert pathologist as to the nature of the fracture.

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R v Raduca [2015] EWCA Crim 279

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Sentence for a string of dwelling burglaries reduced on appeal.

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R v C [2015] Central Criminal Court

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Operation Namix – Importation of semi-automatic firearms. The case involved the defence of duress and ongoing disclosure of large amounts of phone data throughout the trial, led by Richard Button.

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### R v F [2014] Manchester Crown Court

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Led by Chris Henley, successfully opposed the first forfeiture application made under s. 23 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

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## Business Crime & Fraud

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Alexandra has a strong practice in financial crime. Able to deal with cases of significant volume and complexity, she has a thorough grasp of the detailed transactional material involved in this area. She acts as a junior alone and led junior.

Alexandra is ranked as a Leading Junior in Fraud: Crime in the Legal 500 2022.

## Notable Business Crime & Fraud cases

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### R v W [2022]

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Currently instructed in a six-handed money laundering conspiracy alleged to relate to funds exceeding £70 million

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### R v R [2022] Inner London Crown Court

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Acquittal secured for a defendant charged with conspiring with four others to conceal the proceeds of crime through multiple bank transfers and two properties. Following service of skeleton arguments setting out submissions of 'no case to answer' at the close of the prosecution case, the Crown offered no evidence.

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### R v B [2021] Snaresbrook Crown Court

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Represented one of four defendants prosecuted for conspiracy to defraud arising out of a Trading Standards investigation in a trial that lasted eight weeks.

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### R v S [2021] Southwark

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Secured a suspended sentence for a woman charged with transferring criminal property in excess of £250,000.

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### R v S [2021] Worcester Crown Court

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Operation Panga – Represented the first defendant in a sophisticated courier scam which involved impersonating police officers

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### R v B [2019] Central Criminal Court & Birmingham Crown Court

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Operation Vanilla – Led junior in a Carbon Credits boiler room fraud valued at £6.2m involving over 10,000 pages of evidence and a nuanced bad character argument – acquitted of the conspiracy and Serious Crime Prevention Order application successfully resisted.

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### R v G [2018] Reading Crown Court

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Operation Salvage – Led junior in a multi-handed ‘crash for cash’ fraud said to be worth £8m, securing a short sentence after trial, the Judge accepting that the defendant’s role was lesser, contrary to the submissions of the Crown.

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### R v C [2018] Hull Crown Court

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Operation Accordion – Led junior in a case involving multiple mortgage fraud conspiracies.

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### R v C [2016] Lewes Crown Court

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Instructed to represent the second of six defendants charged with offences of money laundering, running the defence that the money was in fact legitimate. This involved in-depth analysis of the movement of money over a long indictment period. Not guilty verdict.

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### R v W [2016] Cardiff Crown Court

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Successfully represented an eighty-year-old woman charged with money laundering arising out of a theft committed against Cardiff Council. Trial involved complex arguments on character. Bad character application successfully opposed and Judge persuaded to give a Good Character direction instead. Client acquitted.

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## Criminal Regulatory

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Alexandra’s regulatory practice encompasses defending in Health and Safety Prosecutions, and offences under the Housing Act prosecuted by Local Authorities.

She has experience of representing both companies and company directors charged with offences prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive.

She has also conducted licencing appeals.

## Notable Criminal Regulatory cases

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### DC v G, S & S [2019] Sheffield Crown Court

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Represented the company and both directors initially facing an indictment containing ten counts under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, all relating to a defective floorboard at a retail premises which led to a customer sustaining an injury. Acceptable pleas were negotiated to the section 3 offences for the company and one of the directors, securing financial penalties for both.

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### SBC v D [2019] Camberwell Green Magistrates' Court

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Instructed to represent a landlord charged with breaches of Regulation 4 (Duty of manager to take safety measures) of the Management of Houses of Multiple Occupation (England) Regulations 2006, in relation to a failure to ensure that all means of escape from fire are clear and accessible.

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### BCC v A [2016] Aylesbury Crown Court

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Represented one of two defendants charged with nine offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

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### TFL v A [2016] City of London Magistrates' Court

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Represented a taxi driver appealing TFL's decision not to renew his PHV licence following his failure both to disclose a conviction and subsequent driving disqualification within the requisite 21 days and to mention it when he renewed his application.

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### BCC v W [2015] Reading Crown Court

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Case involved offences of depositing a controlled waste and failing to prevent a contravention of s.33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the allegation being that commercial waste was deposited on land not subject to an environmental permit. The defendant was acquitted of the second count.

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### WBC v P [2015] Redhill Magistrates' Court

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Defendant faced six charges, four breaches of the Management of Houses of Multiple Occupation (England) Regulations 2006 and two related counts of fraud. Acceptable pleas negotiated and a financial penalty imposed.

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# Asset Forfeiture & Civil Recovery

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She regularly acts in cash forfeiture hearings and has extensive experience of confiscation proceedings, both led and as a junior alone.

## Notable Asset Forfeiture & Civil Recovery cases

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### R v A [2022]

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Currently instructed to represent a defendant in the High Court in relation to an application for appointment of a receiver.

### R v D [2021] Derby Crown Court

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Represented the first of two defendants in contested confiscation proceedings, a company director who had been convicted of fraud including false invoices, successfully avoiding a hidden assets finding and securing an available amount limited to the cash funds seized during the course of the investigation.

### R v A [2021] Nottingham Crown Court

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Instructed for a complicated confiscation with issues over the extent of the particular benefit and general conduct, and well as an argument over hidden assets.

### R v F [2020] Winchester Crown Court

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Successful application under section 23 POCA 2003 for a certificate of inadequacy in circumstances where the applicant's property portfolio had in aggregate fallen into negative equity, the Crown initially contesting the applicant's assertion that he was unable to realise the equity from the few individual properties that had retained their value.

### R v B [2020] Birmingham Crown Court

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Led junior on a confiscation valued at £6.8m; avoided a finding of hidden assets.

### R v A [2019] Horsham Magistrates' Court

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Represented the respondent in a cash forfeiture application

### R v S [2018] Kingston Crown Court

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Represented the defendant at a contested confiscation involving Bitcoins, managing to reduce the benefit to reflect the client's legitimate income.

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R v F [2016] Southwark Crown Court

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Led by Peter Corrigan for a confiscation hearing arising following conviction for a fraud valued in excess of £1.2m; written submissions ahead of the final hearing persuaded the Crown to accept that the available amount was £1.

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## Education

- Politics, Philosophy and Economics (2.1) BA (Hons) Oxon

## Memberships

- Young Fraud Lawyers Association;
- Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association;
- Female Fraud Forum;
- Women in Criminal Law;
- Criminal Bar Association.

## Publications

- [Admissibility of statements against hostile witnesses who refuse to answer questions \(R v Muldoon\)](#)

## Recommendations

### 2022

Legal 500

Crime: *"Alexandra is determined and has great judgement. She is always very well prepared and indomitably determined to fight her client's corner."*

Ranked: Tier 3

Fraud:Crime: *"Alexandra has excellent judgement, relates well to clients, and demonstrates very good and detailed knowledge of the law."*

Ranked: Tier 3

## Regulatory

- Pupil Supervisor
- Mentoring through Inner Temple and Bridging the Bar

## Awards

