

# Anna Renou

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Anna is an experienced advocate who specialises in criminal law. She has dual-qualification after originally qualifying in Australia in 2010, going on to cross qualify as a solicitor with Higher Rights in 2016. She was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2022.

Anna has a particular interest in 'protest' law, whereby the defendants have been arrested on multiple occasions and have been subject to abusive treatment by police and security guards.

Anna joins chambers as a junior tenant with extensive advocacy experience in the crown courts, including cases of terrorism, homicide, serious violence, public disorder, protest, sexual offences and fraud. Her hard work was noted by her nomination for Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Awards 2021 in the category of Criminal Defence.

## Expertise

### Crime

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Anna has a strong and developing practice in serious crime, with experience from the magistrates court to the Supreme Court.

Anna has a decade of experience in criminal law. She was called to the Bar in 2022 having worked as a Solicitor since 2016, and as an Australian Lawyer since August 2010. Prior to her transition to the Bar, she defended in a

wide range of criminal cases of high level of complexity, including terrorism, homicide, serious violence, public disorder, protest, sexual offences and fraud.

She has particular interest in protest law, defending those arrested on multiple occasions and who have experienced abusive treatment by police and security guards. Anna provides her clients with reassurance and support often in difficult and stressful situations.

Before joining chambers Anna worked as a Solicitor-Advocate at ITN solicitors where she appeared regularly in the Crown, Magistrates and Youth courts. Anna carried a caseload of vulnerable clients how have repeated interactions with the criminal justice system.

## Notable Crime cases

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### R v NP (June 2022) Isleworth Crown Court

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Secured and acquittal of a man accused of affray and possession of a knife following a 5 day trial.

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### R v EK (January 2022) Southwark Crown Court

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January 2022 Secured acquittal of a man of ABH, assault by beating and criminal damage following a three day trial

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### R v AW (September 2021) Central Criminal Court, sitting at Aldergate House.

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Represented a man accused of s.20 GBH. Secured a suspended sentence following conviction.

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### R v HW (October 2021) Court of Appeal, Criminal Division

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Represented a Respondent after the Attorney-General referred his sentence of 18 month community order for harassment causing fear of violence. Successfully persuaded the Court not to impose an immediate term of imprisonment.

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### R v HG (August 2021) Snaresbrook Crown Court, sitting at Aldergate House.

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Secured an acquittal for a young man accused of possession of an offensive weapon. Verdict returned in under and hour.

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### R v EG (August 2021) Central Criminal Court

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Successfully appealed conviction for Extinction Rebellion protester of obstruction of the public highway following legal argument and application of *DPP v Zeigler*

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R v AB and EV (April 2021) St Albans Magistrates Court

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Secured an acquittal for two environmental protestors following successful submission of no case to answer. The protestors, one who was a youth at the time, erected wooden tripod structure outside the entrance to an HS2 compound. They were both charged a Trade Union Act and acquitted following legal submissions.

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R v JS (January 2021) City of London Magistrates Court

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Extinction Rebellion protestor acquitted following successful submission of no case to answer.

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R v LM (January 2021) City of London Magistrate Court

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HS2 protestor who spent 21 days camping in a tree in parliament square acquitted of section 14 Public Order Act offence.

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R v JM (November 2020) Snaresbrook Crown Court

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Successfully appeal against sentence for a youth convicted of multiple handling stolen goods offences. Sentence reduced by 6 months

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R v NG (September 2020) Isleworth Crown Court.

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Following an application to dismiss the Crown offered no evidence against a HS2 protest client for assault emergency worker.

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**R v Lane & Letts (2019) Central Criminal Court.**

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Solicitor acting for parents prosecuted for terrorist funding contrary to section 17 of the Terrorism Act 2000, having sent money to their son alleged to have joined ISIS. The trial was delayed for interlocutory appeals to the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court to determine the requisite mens rea of the offence (*R v Lane & Letts* [2018] 1 WLR 3647) and then further adjourned for another interlocutory appeal to the Court of Appeal to consider the compatibility of the defence of duress with section 17 of the Terrorism Act 2000. The Jury acquitted on one count, were hung on another and convicted on a third. Suspended sentences imposed. BBC coverage [here](#)

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R v MS (2019). Southwark Crown Court

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Solicitor acting for a nurse accused of administering incorrect medicine which led to the death of a patient. The defendant faced charges under the Health and Safety at Work Act and Medicines Act. She received a suspended sentence after an abuse of process application has been submitted.

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R v BP (2017) Central Criminal Court

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Solicitor acting for a man acquitted of attempted murder, convicted of section 18 GBH.

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R v GP (2016) Central Criminal Court

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Solicitor acting for nurse accused of manslaughter and regulatory offences. After 6 days of legal argument the Crown offered no evidence against the nurse.

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## Memberships

Women in Criminal Law, Centre for Women's Justice Legal Reference Panel

## Criminal Regulatory

Having worked as a Legal Officer at the Royal College of Nursing, Anna has a strong foundation in regulatory law. She has also represented a number of nurses charged with criminal offences allegedly committed in the course of their practice and developing her expertise on the intersection of healthcare and criminal law.

## Awards