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With over 30 years of experience, Bozzie has gained a strong reputation for being a skilled, robust and able advocate, with a keen eye for detail, strategic planning and above all as someone who will fight for her clients.

She is known for her engaging manner and her ability to put her clients at ease.

Judges in front of whom she has appeared have commented on her skilled cross examination and closing speeches. One who recently tried a case in which she represented a deaf defendant in a sensitive matter commented that she did a 'brilliant job' and another said that her closing speech to the jury, at the end of lengthy case involving multiple complainants in sexual offences was 'superb and beyond reproach'.

Bozzie's practice encompasses a wide range of criminal offences including serious sexual and violence offences, money laundering offences and cases with an organised crime element including kidnapping, large scale drugs cases and people trafficking for sexual exploitation.

She is particularly noted for her meticulous and sensitive approach to cases involving vulnerable defendants and in particular those with mental health issues. Additionally, she has particular expertise in sexual offences cases involving the cross examination of vulnerable and child witnesses.

Bozzie is very much a 'hands-on' and accessible barrister and is equally proactive whether she is appearing on her own, as a led junior or as leading junior.

Bozzie is fluent in Hebrew.

Expertise

Crime

Bozzie has been instructed to defend in serious and complex cases for over 30 years.

She conducted her first jury trial 3 months into her Second six pupillage, securing an acquittal and cementing her passion for her work.

Notable Crime cases

2023 R v MC (Croydon Crown Court)

Class A drugs' importation trial involving delicate cross examination of a drugs expert and resulting in an acquittal.

2023 R v YY (Woodgreen Crown Court)

A 3-week trial involving allegations of rape and serious violence. The defendant was a homeless man who lived in a tent in a busy part of London where he was well known.

2023 R v RF (Winchester Crown Court)

The defendant was charged with threats to kill a judge (sitting at the central family court) and other malicious communications offences (against his ex-partner and her barrister). The background to the offences involved the defendant's failed application for contact with his child.

2023 R v MB and another (Luton Crown Court)

Led junior in a case involving multi-generational sexual abuse allegations against seven complainants.

2023 R v DC and another – (Snaresbrook Crown Court).

Represented the second defendant in an historic sex case. The defendant was the complainant's grandmother. She was charged with encouraging or assisting the commission of one or more offences, believing one or more would be committed. There was an extensive history of previous allegations of sexual misconduct within the family, with associated voluminous social services material to consider.

2022 R v AG (Woodgreen Crown Court)

A case where both defendant and complainant were deaf and involving a substantial s.41 argument.

2022 R v TG and others (Harrow Crown Court)

Leading junior in an 8-week trial involving conspiracies to kidnap, falsely imprison and blackmail. The defendant was 17 years old at the time of the offences and 18 at trial.

2022 R v MP (Inner London Crown Court)

The defendant faced allegations of serious violence against a number of individual, using various weapons and committed over the course of a number of hours and in different locations. The case raised issues regarding the admissibility of partial/qualified identification.

Professional Associations / Memberships

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