

# Christina Courquin

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Christina is developing a reputation for her eloquence in both her written and oral submissions. She has a strong track record of advancing articulate legal arguments and has secured a number of acquittals for clients at trial. She accepts instructions across all Chambers' practice areas, with a principle focus on general crime and sports regulation work.

Christina has a busy crime practice as both a junior alone and led junior. She has successfully challenged several prosecutions involving serious offences, including firearms and drugs offences, on the basis of modern slavery and exploitation. She has experience with vulnerable clients, has encountered a number of fitness to plead issues and has helped clients secure suitable disposals under the Mental Health Act 1993.

Christina has a flourishing sports regulatory practice, representing both athletes and sports regulatory bodies. She completed a secondment with the British Horseracing Authority, where she was involved in matters of an anti-doping, licensing, anti-corruption and safeguarding nature. She is also appointed to the Sports Resolutions Pro Bono Panel.

Christina is the host of chambers' sports podcast 'Seven Minutes of Sport' and provides training to sports regulatory bodies, including the Greyhound Board of Great Britain.

# Expertise

## Crime

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### Notable Crime cases

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#### R v O [2024] Nottingham Crown Court

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Instructed as sole trial counsel to represent a defendant in a six handed indictment including conspiracy to rob and aggravated burglary.

#### R v A [2024] Winchester Crown Court

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Defendant unanimously acquitted of 6 counts on a 7-count indictment including controlling or coercive behaviour, ABH, assault by beating, criminal damage and threats to cause criminal damage, following a five-day trial at Winchester Crown Court.

#### R v D [2024] Newcastle Crown Court

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Instructed as sole trial counsel to represent the second defendant in a nine handed indictment containing counts of false imprisonment, blackmail and ABH.

#### R v M [2024] Kingston Crown Court

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Instructed as trial counsel for a defendant facing a one count indictment for having an article with a blade or point. Christina raised a legal argument that the knife was not in a public place and drafted detailed legal submissions, following which the Crown offered no evidence.

#### R v H [2024] Aylesbury Crown Court

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Secured unanimous acquittal for defendant charged with affray, after an alleged organised fight involving weapons broke out in a Category A prison between two inmates.

#### R v S (Operation Dissolve) [2024] Bradford Crown Court

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Led by Charles Hannaford in a 10 handed conspiracy to supply Class A drugs.

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R v D [2023] Court of Appeal (Crim Div)

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Instructed to represent the Respondent after an application was made by the Attorney General under s36 CJA 1988 for leave to refer a sentence which she regarded as unduly lenient. The Respondent avoided immediate custody, receiving a sentence of 8 months imprisonment suspended for 12 months.

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R v K (Operation Harbinger) [2023] Exeter Crown Court

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Led by William England in a 22-handed conspiracy to supply over £1 million worth of Class A drugs.

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R v K [2023] Kingston Crown Court

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Secured unanimous acquittal for defendant charged with inflicting GBH and assault by beating.

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R v A [2023] Croydon Youth Court

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Secured a 12-month referral order with intensive contract for a client sentenced for s18 GBH.

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R v M [2023] Hastings Youth Court

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Instructed as trial counsel to represent a youth charged with possession of a firearm and possession of Class B drugs. Christina drafted detailed representations, following which the Crown offered no evidence on all counts.

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## Sport

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Following on from a secondment with the regulation team at the British Horseracing Authority, Christina has a flourishing sports regulatory practice. She has acted for regulators such as the BHA and the Greyhound Board of Great Britain, as well as defended a number of athletes appearing in front of their regulator. Christina's particular expertise lies in dealing with cases of an anti-doping and safeguarding nature.

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# Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- WICL
- Law in Sport
- Inner Temple

# Appointments

- Sports Resolutions Pro Bono Panel