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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. 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. 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

Notable Crime cases

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

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

R v I [2024] Kingston Crown Court

Instructed as trial counsel to represent a defendant in a multi handed trial, where the defendant was charged with being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.

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

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.

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

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

R v K [2023] Kingston Crown Court

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

R v K [2023] Luton Crown Court

Instructed as trial counsel to represent a youth charged as part of a multi handed aggravated burglary. The Crown offered no evidence

R v A [2023] Croydon Youth Court

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

R v M [2023] Hastings Youth Court

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.

Sport

Notable Sport cases

BHA v E [2023]

Represented the BHA in a jockey anti-doping enquiry where the jockey licence was suspended for six months.

BHA v W [2023]

Represented the BHA in a jockey anti-doping enquiry where a financial penalty was imposed and licence withdrawn.

BHA v B [2023]

Represented the BHA in a jockey anti-doping enquiry where the licence was withdrawn for two months.

BHA v V [2023]

Represented the BHA in an equine anti-doping enquiry for three adverse analytical findings. A financial penalty was imposed.

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Inner Temple
- WICL
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association