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A persuasive and personable advocate with experience in a broad range of criminal law.

Instructed as led junior and junior alone in all areas of serious and complex crime. Recently instructed in cases of fraud, sexual offences, organised crime, violence, drugs and regulatory offences. Fiona undertakes both privately funded and legal aid work.

Fiona is regularly instructed in the Crown and Youth Courts, as well as often being instructed in the Magistrates' Court on a privately funded basis to represent individuals in a range of general crime cases.

Fiona is experienced in representing vulnerable clients, as well as crossexamining vulnerable witnesses in sensitive cases. Fiona's flexible approach, perception and attention to detail all enable her to build an excellent rapport with clients.

Prior to joining Chambers, Fiona represented High Net Worth individuals at a leading Investment Solutions firm. After identifying breaches of the Financial Services Marketing Act 2000 and the FCA's Conduct of Business Sourcebook, Fiona submitted complaints to the advising firm in the first instance. Fiona also submitted complaints to either the FOS or the FSCS if unable to settle with the firm, with the overriding aim of seeking financial redress for the client. Fiona assisted in securing significant settlements for clients whom had invested in complex and often aggressive schemes.

Expertise

Crime

Fiona regularly appears in all areas of general crime. Fiona has a growing practice in drug offences, including county lines and importation. Fiona is regularly instructed in cases involving sexual offences, as well as ancillary matters including SHPO variations. Additionally, she often represents defendants charged with violent and gang related offences.

Notable Crime cases

R v G [2020 to 2022] St Albans Crown Court

Currently instructed in an upcoming trial of Violent Disorder and Section 18 OAPA. Incident during which over 100 people were present in a pub.

R v V [2021 to 2022] Snaresbrook Crown Court

Currently instructed in an upcoming trial involving section 18 GBH, alleged against a police officer.

R v C [2021] Snaresbrook Crown Court

Assault on an emergency worker (police officer) at the beginning of the national lockdown. Secured acquittal following a four-day trial. Client was alleged to have failed to comply with social distancing directions, before intentionally coughing directly into the face of the police officer.

The trial included a successful application to exclude comments made at the scene. The trial also involved an intermediary, ground rules hearing and bad character applications.

R v R [2020] Lewes Crown Court

Weapons incident at Gatwick Airport, attracting national press interest. Client was originally indicted with Possessing a Dangerous Article in an Aerodrome, but the Crown later offered no evidence to this count, following reports and arguments addressing the issue of specific intent. Having pleaded guilty to Possession of a Bladed Article and Affray, client sentenced to a suspended sentence with a Mental Health Treatment Requirement. Sentencing involved detailed consideration and submissions concerning sentencing offenders with mental disorders. Coverage: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-54256255>

R v G [2021] Portsmouth Crown Court

Currently instructed in an upcoming multi-handed trial involving a Conspiracy to Kidnap.

R v V [2021 to 2022] Snaresbrook Crown Court

Currently instructed in an upcoming trial involving PWITS Class A and various NRMs.

R v P [2021 to 2022] Harrow Crown Court

Currently instructed in an upcoming trial for a Class A drugs conspiracy.

R v D [2019 to 2021] Central Criminal Court

Led by Queen's Counsel in a multi-million pound global conspiracy involving the alleged importation and distribution of several tons of anabolic steroids.

R v JDS [2021] Isleworth Crown Court

Secured a sentence of 3 years' 7 months custody for a client charged with importation of just over 1 kilogram of cocaine.

R v R [2019] Southampton Crown Court

Led Junior in an Armed Robbery Conspiracy, in which over £620,000 of jewellery was stolen. Coverage: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-50585149>

Business Crime & Fraud

Fiona has a developing practice in Fraud and Financial Crime. Cases include:

Notable Business Crime & Fraud cases

Operation Zedoary

Fiona Clegg defends in Operation Zedoary. The trial is expected to last eight weeks. The case involves allegations of several interlinked conspiracies to commit fraud and possess improperly obtained identity documents.

R v I [2020] Southwark Crown Court

Led junior in a £25 million Money Laundering Conspiracy. Client acquitted on all counts.

R v K [2019] Isleworth Crown Court

Client acquitted of Money Laundering. Application mid-trial for Defendant to give evidence via live link, following deterioration in mental health.

R v C [2017] City of London Magistrates Court

Secured a Suspended Sentence Order for a Trader convicted of four charges of Credit Card Fraud, valued just under £10,000.

R v I [2017] City of London Magistrates Court

Represented a Company at an application for Further Cash Detention.

Asset Forfeiture & Civil Recovery

Fiona has a developing practice in POCA proceedings and asset forfeiture, assisted by her detailed analysis and excellent negotiation skills. Recent cases include:

Notable Asset Forfeiture & Civil Recovery cases

R v G [2019] Southwark Crown Court

Led junior in highly-complex FCA confiscation, arising from illegal money lending. Confiscation Order in sum of £5,118,018.72, made in agreement following three days of argument and negotiation at court.

Coverage:

<https://www.fca.org.uk/news/press-releases/fca-secures-confiscation-order-totalling-5-million-against-illegal-money-lender>

R v W [2018 to 2019]

Carlisle Crown Court Led by Queen's Counsel in a confiscation arising from a lucrative 'legal highs' business. The Crown alleged that the benefit figure was in excess of £17 million and that the defendant had hidden assets.

Following contested proceedings, the court ruled that there were no hidden assets.

R v K [2017] Birmingham Crown Court

Following extensive negotiations with the Crown, successfully agreed a Confiscation Order where the benefit figure was reduced by just over £1million pounds.

Education

- Sir Joseph Cantley Memorial Prize (2012) – Middle Temple
- Blackstone Entrance Exhibition (2012) – Middle Temple
- Nottingham Law School
- University of Leeds

Memberships

- Women In Criminal Law
- Criminal Bar Association
- Howard League for Penal Reform

Publications

- Revenge Pornography – The Naked Threat
<https://www.mountfordchambers.com/blog-revenge-pornography-the-naked-threat/>
- IWD Article Series – Choose to Challenge
<https://www.mountfordchambers.com/iwd-article-series-choose-to-challenge/>
- Domestic Violence, DVPNs and DVPOs
<https://www.mountfordchambers.com/blog-domestic-violence-dvpns-and-dvpos/>