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Louise is a Senior Junior practising within the complementary areas of Crime, Professional Discipline and Inquest work.

With a medico-legal background, hardworking and approachable Louise is particularly useful in cases which have a medical component or which require sensitive witness handling.

Louise is an Advanced International Advocacy Trainer who has taught on the South Eastern Circuit "Keble Course" and internationally, most recently to young women in Bangladesh.

Her hobbies outside the law include the Arts of all kinds and having recently joined a choir learning to sing in tune. She lives in London but is happy to venture further afield.

Areas of Expertise

Crime & Fraud

Louise both Prosecutes and Defends as Leading or Senior Junior. She is a Grade 4 Prosecutor on the General Crime and RASSO Lists. Experience ranges from Murder (acting for the first Defendant in the "Honeytrap Murder" of Shakilus Townsend at the Central Criminal Court in 2009) to other Homicides including Death by Dangerous Driving to Firearms to Fraud cases. She recently successfully defended in a Modern Slavery case.

Notable Crime & Fraud cases

Taunton Crown Court R.v. UW

Initially charged as Attempted Murder. Estranged wife attended ex-partner's home with a knife expressing a desire to kill him. Much of the attack was caught on "ring" doorbell. Various psychiatric assessments and delicate negotiations reduced the charge to Attempted Section 18 with a resultantly more favourable sentence.

Wood Green Crown Court R.v. AA

Sexual offences by a young man who “catfished” a number of young women with a view to blackmailing them for sex or money. Due to the young age of some of the complainants their cross examination was pre- recorded under section 28 of xx within weeks of the matter being sent to the Crown Court. Both the complainants and the Defendant were vulnerable in different ways and the case required careful and sensitive handling.

[Guildford Crown Court R v. Stuart Menzies](#)

Non-recent sexual abuse by three complainants. The case required thorough consideration of third party material and careful handling. Although the client was convicted he thanked Counsel for her efforts on the basis “You really fought for me”.

[Winchester Crown Court R v. DB](#)

Defending in a multi-handed “County lines” drugs case.

[Northampton Crown Court R v. Urbaitis and Petravičiute](#)

Louise represented a third Defendant who faced four counts of Modern Slavery by two Complainants. The allegations made included people trafficking and then holding in debt bondage. The suggestion was that the third Defendant was “the enforcer”. Careful tactical decisions had to be made in this case which lead ultimately to successful submissions of no case to answer at the conclusion of the Crown’s case leading to the client’s immediate release after being held on remand for a year.

Professional Discipline

Louise acts for Registrants before the Fitness to Practice Committees of the General Medical Council, Nursing and Midwifery Council, Health Care Professionals Council and Social Work England . For 12 years Louise sat as a Barrister member of the Bar’s own disciplinary panels.

Notable Professional Discipline cases

Inquests & Inquiries

Louise has represented medical professionals in Article 2 Inquests where they have been joined as Interested Parties following the unexpected death of patients in their care.

Education

- LL.B(Laws) Hons (UCL)
- Inns of Court School of Law,

- Diploma of Forensic Medical Science (Worshipful Society of the Apothecaries)

Memberships

- CBA
- SEC
- Worshipful Society of the Apothecaries

Appointments

- Master of the Bench Hon Society of the Middle Temple