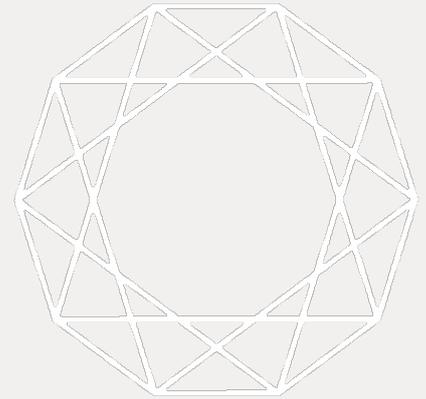


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Naomi is developing a busy criminal, regulatory and public law practice. She accepts instructions to prosecute and defend in both the Crown Court and Magistrates' Court and has been instructed by the police in civil matters and on disclosure exercises. She is a Grade 2 CPS Advocate. She is looking to develop her public law and government practice.

Prior to joining chambers, Naomi spent over a decade as a barrister in the Civil Service. She performed a variety of prestigious advisory roles, including legal advisor to the Lady Chief Justice, the President of the King's Bench Division, the Director of Public Prosecutions and Successive Law Officers, which has given her significant experience in a range of areas.

Before coming to the Bar, Naomi was a secondary school English Teacher. She continues to have a passion for education and regularly gives lectures on legal history. In her spare time, she enjoys the theatre, running and adventuring with her toddler.

Areas of Expertise

Crime

Naomi was a legal advisor to the DPP and successive Law Officers. In these roles, she advised on high profile and complex criminal cases, including terrorism, international conspiracies and complex financial offending. She regularly advised on whether the Law Officers or DPP should grant their personal consent to the prosecution of criminal cases, which required in depth analysis of whether the Code for Crown Prosecutors was met. She prepared written and oral legal advice, often at short notice and under tight deadlines. Naomi was also responsible for drafting CPS policy and wider policy governing the criminal justice system, including updating the Disclosure Guidelines. She is therefore confident advising on a wide variety of criminal matters and has an in-depth understanding of with the frameworks and policies governing the prosecution of offenders.

Naomi also has significant experience advising on criminal investigations. As a legal advisor to the DPP, she regularly reviewed complex and high-profile investigations and advised the DPP. Moreover, in her most recent role as senior lawyer at the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery, she provided legal advice on criminal and civil investigations into Troubles related serious offending, including murders. This included advising on police powers, reasonable lines of enquiry, civil powers and issues around the admissibility of evidence. The cases were often high profile and involved the scrutiny of matters of national security, the lawfulness of actions of state actors such as the military and security services and competing human rights.

Criminal Appeals

Naomi also has significant experience advising on criminal appeals. She regularly advised successive Law Officers on whether to refer cases to the Court of Appeal as unduly lenient. She also spent two years as a complex casework lawyer at the Court of Appeal, where she had a large caseload that included highly sensitive terrorism cases, cases involving vulnerable victims, witnesses and defendants, challenging financial cases (including confiscation appeals) and cases involving novel points of law. She was responsible for reviewing the Grounds of Appeal and identifying legal or factual errors missed by the parties, setting legal directions and preparing legal notes and summaries for the judges. She is therefore very comfortable advising on point of appeal and has a comprehensive understanding of the appeal process.

Public and Regulatory Law

Whilst at the Attorney General's Office, Naomi was the lead lawyer for contempt of court. She advised on an array of important cases, including *Re Yaxley-Lennon* and myriad breaches of the Venables injunction. She also cultivated an inquest practice, having advised on whether permission should be granted for second inquests. She was also the lead lawyer for issues relating to the Data Protection Act and regularly advised on the creation of DPA compliant policies.

Naomi also has experience advising on government and legal policy. Throughout her career, she has advised senior legal figures on the formulation and impact of law and policy, including the creation of new offences and the amending of important guidance such as the Disclosure Guidelines, the Criminal Procedure Rules and the Sentencing Guidelines. She also prepared official responses to Law Commission papers.

Finally, Naomi has experience of regulatory and disciplinary matters through her work as a panel member for the Bar Tribunal and Adjudication Service.

Education

- University of Law – BPTC – Very Competent with Lord Denning Scholarship (2014)
- St Catherine's College Oxford – Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) (2013)
- Teach First/Canterbury Christchurch University – Postgraduate Certificate in Education (English) – Distinction (2011)
- University College, London – Law (LLB) – First Class with two prizes for outstanding results (2009)

Memberships

Criminal Appeal Lawyers Association

Appointments

- CPS Panel Counsel – Grade 2
- Recorder (Crime) (2024)
- Assistant Coroner – Essex (2025)
- Panel Member – Bar Tribunal and Adjudication Service (2023)