Nasreen Shah

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Nasreen is an experienced multi-disciplinary barrister. She has a busy practice defending and prosecuting in all aspects of criminal law. Nasreen is regularly instructed in cases involving fraud and money laundering offences, firearms, violent offences, drugs offences and sexual offences. Nasreen's confident and persuasive advocacy combined with excellent client care, has produced excellent results for her clients.

Nasreen is also instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service in criminal, regulatory and family proceedings. She acts as a legal adviser and counsel in misconduct proceedings. Nasreen has appeared in the High Court Family Division in respect of Disclosure Orders and applications on grounds of public interest immunity. She is often instructed to undertake document reviews on legal professional privilege for inquiries and is instructed as independent counsel to attend and advise on searches and raids.

Nasreen is also regularly instructed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs and Insolvency Service in relation to Company Act offences, Money Laundering Schemes involving transfers across jurisdictions and Forfeitures.

Nasreen also has an international practice, as a member of Moyse & Associates in Luxembourg. In her capacity as Counsel, with a particular expertise in financial and economic crime she is able to expertly represent clients on a domestic and international level.

In addition to her multi-faceted practice as a barrister, Nasreen is a founder and director of Her Bar, a platform designed to supportand promote women at all stages in their careers at the Bar and beyond.

Prior to practicing at the Bar, Nasreen was a legal advisor for the specialist domestic violence non-profit. Nasreen spearheaded the organisation's work in police law, developed a community outreach program for women suffering domestic abuse, and worked on recommendations to then Domestic Violence Bill, now the DV Act 2021.

In 2018, she worked as a Judicial Assistant to Judge Ksenija Turkovic at the European Court of Human Rights, which included producing a report for the UN Committee Against Torture on violence against women and ECHR case law, working on prominent cases such as ***Beuze v Belgium*** [2018] ECHR 382 and use her analytical skills and ability to draft persuasive arguments in ***Škrlj v Croatia*** [2019] ECHR 260, examining judicial impartiality.

Nasreen is Public access qualified, and also qualified in Ireland (Call 2022) and Luxembourg (Call 2023).

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Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association
- Financial Services Lawyers Association
- Fulbright Alumni Association

Education

- University of London, SOAS (2019) – Certificate in Global Diplomacy
- University of Cambridge (2018) – Certificate in Forensic Science: DNA analysis
- University of Law – BPTC (2017-2018)
- LL.M in International and Comparative Law – focus International Women's Rights (GPA 3.75, 4th Rank) – George Washington University (2016-2017)
- LL.B (Hons) Law with French (1st Class Honours ; 1st Rank) (2013-2015)

Languages

- Proficient: English, Luxembourgish, French, German
- Intermediate: Spanish
- Basic: British Sign Language

Appointments

CPS [Grade 2] Specialist POCA Panel

CPS Grade 3 [General Crime] Prosecutor

Awards

- Fulbright Scholarship (2016-2017)
- The George Washington Law School Merit based Scholarship (2017)
- The President's Volunteer Service Award for National and Community Service (Obama Administration) (2016-2017)

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- The Pro Bono Public Service Recognition Award for outstanding work in the public interest (2017)
- Matrix Amicus Bursary (2018)
- Winner: Rising Star [small to medium-size practice] – Women and Diversity in Law Awards (2023)

Notable Cases

Financial Crime

R v F & M [2026] – successful prosecution of two defendants accused of abusing their position in relation to an elderly person, defrauding him of over £540,000.

R v A & A [2025] – successful prosecution of two defendants accused of abusing their position in relation to an elderly person, defrauding him of over £70,000.

HMRC v A & K [2025] – successful application for forfeiture of cash from two Respondents. The case involved consideration of money services businesses and high value dealers.

HMRC v E & others [2024] – representing HMRC, successful application for cash forfeiture in alleged money laundering scheme involving three respondents

HMRC v AM [2023] – representing HMRC, successful submissions on account freezing order in respect of sum exceeding £57,000, resulting in the respondent no longer contesting forfeiture.

R v K [2023] [Croydon Crown Court] – led junior in a money laundering case concerning 15 defendants, involving over £41 million. Successful submission of no case to answer.

MPS v H [2022] [Snaresbrook Crown Court]– prosecuting an appeal against forfeiture of a sum not exceeding £10,000, involving three named respondents and an interested third party. Nasreen was successful in establishing her case under s.298 POCA 2002 and challenging the respondent. The Court dismissed the appeal.

MPS v GL [2022] [Wimbledon Magistrates Court] – successfully representing the MPS in an application for an accountfreezing order againstmultiple companies.

General crime

R v S [2026] – successful defence of client charged with three counts of rape of a child under 13 and one count of sexual assault of a child under 13.

R v Y [2026] – successful defence of client charged in multi-handed drug enterprise. Crown offered no evidence

R V UA [2025] – led junior in multi-hander conspiracy to rob.

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