



YVONNE KRAMO

YEAR OF CALL: 2008

Yvonne has developed a busy practice defending in criminal courts across the country. She has acted on behalf of individuals facing a wide range of allegations and has experience of appellate proceedings in the Court of Appeal. Yvonne has a keen interest in criminal/civil crossover cases and is adept in representing clients in both jurisdictions.

EXPERTISE

A criminal defence practitioner instructed in cases covering all aspects of criminal law, Yvonne prides herself on her commitment to her clients and has considerable experience representing vulnerable individuals. She is regularly instructed in difficult cases which require careful client care and often achieves successful outcomes against the odds.

RECENT CASES

R v A (Leicester CC) – Led junior for a young man charged with conspiracy to commit violent disorder. This was a highly-complex trial, involving eleven defendants, based on extensive telephone evidence. The trial lasted for nine weeks.

R v I (Isleworth CC) – Represented a defendant charged with multiple, historic sexual offences against a child, including attempted rape.

R v C (Guildford CC) – Successfully defended a defendant charged with benefit fraud. Crown offered no evidence on second day of trial

R v L (Birmingham CC) – Represented a defendant charged with fraudulent evasion of a prohibition (importation of cocaine).

R v G (Kingston CC) – Defendant acquitted of aggravated burglary and possession of an offensive weapon following a successful half-time submission.

R v S (Isleworth CC) – Successfully represented a defendant charged with orchestrating a so-called 'honeytrap' robbery.

R v F (Kingston CC) – Successfully represented a defendant charged with several counts of theft from employer.

R v W (Luton CC) – Successfully defended a defendant charged with benefit fraud, The Crown offered no evidence pre-trial on the basis of the defence statement Yvonne drafted.

R v I (Croydon CC) – Successfully represented a defendant charged with aggravated burglary and possession of an offensive weapon in a multi-handed trial. The defendant was assessed as vulnerable and was granted an intermediary for the duration of the trial.

R v X (Nottingham CC) – Represented a defendant charged with causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

R v P (Inner London CC) – Successfully represented a defendant charged with witness intimidation.

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OTHER WORK

In early 2019, Yvonne was seconded to the Financial Conduct Authority as reviewing counsel for a high-profile regulatory investigation. She was also instructed by the FCA as an independent advocate to advise on legal professional privilege. Before coming to the Bar, Yvonne gained experience in financial regulation and mis-selling claims while working as an adjudicator at the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Between June and August 2018, Yvonne was instructed by the London Fire Commissioner as disclosure counsel for the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Yvonne completed pupillage at a common law set, which provided her with a solid grounding in criminal, general civil and immigration law practice. Prior to coming to the Bar, Yvonne worked primarily in the fields of human rights and legal policy. After completing her undergraduate degree, she worked in legal policy and governance at the Ghana Centre for Democratic Development in Accra. She later worked in Brussels, first as a *stagiaire* at the European Parliament (Subcommittee on Human Rights) then at the Open Society Institute's EU office. She also gained further experience in EU law and immigration law while working as a legal caseworker at the AIRE Centre and volunteering for Bail for Immigration Detainees.

Yvonne is currently a trustee of Tower Hamlets Law Centre and a member of Queen Mary University London LAC's Advisory Board.

PRO BONO WORK

Pro bono advocate for Bail for Immigration Detainees.

Advocate (formerly Bar Pro Bono Unit) Panel member.

Pro bono counsel for the SPITE project (Queen Mary University Legal Advice Centre).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Criminal Bar Association
South Eastern Circuit
Women in Criminal Law

QUALIFICATIONS

MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice (Distinction), New College, University of Oxford
European, Comparative and International Law, University of Sheffield & University of Hong Kong

AWARDS

Shelford Scholar, Lincoln's Inn, 2013
Oxford Pro Bono Publico, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, 2012
Robert Schuman Award, European Union, 2008
Lord Denning Scholar, Lincoln's Inn, 2007

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