



Marianne Bowtell

Year of call: 2024

Marianne joined Chambers as a tenant in April 2026 following successful completion of her pupillage in Chambers. She accepts instructions in the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court.

Marianne is a junior tenant practising principally in criminal and regulatory law. She is known for thorough preparation, careful written work, effective courtroom advocacy, and a strong commitment to acting in the client's best interests. She has experience of trials, contested applications, sentencing hearings, and advisory work, and is developing a busy practice across both the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court.

Before coming to the Bar, Marianne practised as a County Court advocate, undertaking civil hearings including possession claims, bankruptcy claims, and infant settlement hearings. She also held senior roles at HS2 Ltd, where she was responsible for negotiating and resolving complex disputes, drafting well-structured written material, and presenting proposals to senior decision-makers ahead of Parliamentary select committees. That experience continues to inform her practical judgement, client handling, and written advocacy.

“We were particularly impressed by Marianne’s level of preparedness, the quality of her advocacy, and her commitment to acting in the best interests of the client.”

“Her skilful cross-examination of the prosecution witnesses and her clear and focused examination-in-chief of the defendant were pivotal in the outcome, ultimately resulting in an acquittal.”

“Marianne demonstrated a strong professionalism, coupled with her sharp intellect and sympathetic understanding.”

“The advice Marianne drafted was well-researched, well organised, and showed a thorough understanding of the law and of issues specific to the client’s case.”

“Marianne handled a tricky situation very well, with tact and sensitivity.”

Education & Awards

Bar Vocational Studies – City, University of London – Distinction
Graduate Diploma in Law – City, University of London – Commendation
Daniel Lett Scholarship (BVS)
BA (Hons), Philosophy – University of Liverpool

Professional Associations

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
Kindness at the Bar

Notable Cases

R v O – Uxbridge MC – Assault by beating arising from a domestic dispute during divorce proceedings; acquitted where the case turned on conflicting accounts.

R v P – Highbury Corner MC – Assault emergency worker; acquitted on the basis of self-defence notwithstanding apparently adverse body worn video footage.

R v O – Stratford MC – Stalking and criminal damage; acquitted after cross-examination exposed significant weaknesses in the complainant’s account.

R v S – Uxbridge MC – Possession of cannabis; Crown offered no evidence after weaknesses in the prosecution case were identified and the matter was invited for review.

R v G – Horsham MC – Serious speeding offence; absolute discharge (special reasons).