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Nina is a senior Solicitor-Advocate, who qualified in 2003. She specialises in all aspects of Criminal Litigation, as well as Private client.

Criminal Litigation

She has extensive experience in dealing with a wide array of criminal offences, including Fraud, Violent Disorder, GBH, Rape and Murder. Nina regularly represents both adult and youth clients in Police Stations, Youth Courts and Magistrates Courts. She is also an experienced Higher Court Advocate and regularly appears in the Crown Court.

She has been praised for her thorough preparation of complex cases, and has often represented clients with serious psychiatric conditions. Nina is the firm's specialist in cases involving "dangerous dogs" legislation and animal welfare. She has been successful in preventing dogs from being destroyed unnecessarily under the Dangerous Dogs Act. She believes that an animal's welfare is of paramount importance.

Nina has acted as led junior defence counsel in four separate Crown Court trials; a multi-million pound Conspiracy to Money Launder and Conspiracy to Supply Class A Drugs, two separate Murder trials, one of which was a suspected gang-related (investigated by Operation Trident) and the re-trial of a case involving the importation of a large amount of Controlled Drugs. More recently, Nina was instructed as led junior defence counsel in a Manslaughter case. During the trial Nina's precisely drafted skeleton argument, together with the eloquence and courtroom skill of leading Queens' Counsel resulted in our client being acquitted

In addition to this, Nina has had sole conduct of several trials in the Crown Court, many of which have resulted in our clients being acquitted.

Nina has experience in dealing with motoring offences in the Crown Court and Magistrates Court, including Dangerous Driving, Careless Driving, Driving under the influence of Alcohol or Drugs, Driving whilst Disqualified.

Private Client

Nina is responsible for managing and developing the Private Client Department and specialises in advising clients in relation to Wills, Probate matters, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Applications for Deputyship.

She is well-known for her excellent attention to detail and meticulous drafting skills. Nina understands that most people are reluctant to think about preparing for what will happen in the future. She is very approachable and easily builds a good rapport with clients when discussing such sensitive topics.

Nina is happy to undertake home visits for elderly, frail or physically impaired clients, who are unable to attend our offices.

We offer competitive fixed fee packages, which are tailored to the individual needs of our clients. Please do not hesitate to contact Nina if you require any advice or to discuss our tailored fixed fee packages.

Notable Cases:

R v HP (2010) Central Criminal Court

Murder: Trial of issue – Mental Health Act disposal.

Nina was instructed as the junior defence advocate in this matter. The case involved the complex issues regarding HP's mental health at the time of the offence and his fitness to plead and stand trial. The defendant was found to have committed the act and detained in a psychiatric hospital under the Mental Health Act.

R v LB (2010) Central Criminal Court

Murder: Crown offer no evidence during trial (Not Guilty verdicts entered)

Nina was instructed as the junior defence advocate in this matter involving a multi-handed murder which was investigated by Police Officers from Operation Trident.

The only evidence against LB centred upon evidence given by one prosecution witness. Nina assisted her Leader in demonstrating to the court that this witness was so unreliable that his evidence could not be relied upon by the Crown. As a result, the Crown offered no evidence against LB. Not guilty verdicts were entered and his case was dismissed at a very early stage in the trial.

R v JB & Others (2010) Isleworth Crown Court

Robbery: Crown offer no evidence on the day of trial (Not Guilty verdict entered)

Nina was instructed to represent JB who had been charged with Robbery.

Following successful legal argument regarding the elements of the offence, the Crown offered no evidence in relation to the Robbery. Not Guilty verdict was entered.

JB pleaded guilty to a lesser motoring offence. This offer of a guilty plea had been made earlier in proceedings and rejected by the Crown.

R v ED & Others (2010) Kingston Crown Court

Conspiracy to Supply Class A Drugs: Cracked trial and sentence

This case involved a large scale conspiracy to supply Class A Drugs. Nina was instructed as junior defence advocate. There was a large amount of video surveillance and telephone evidence to analyse. ED pleaded guilty and was very happy with the sentence he received.

R v DSJ (2011) Central Criminal Court

Importation of Class A and Class B Drugs: Re-trial following successful Appeal to the Court of Appeal against Conviction and Sentence

Nina was instructed as junior defence advocate in a case which involved a re-trial following the original conviction and sentence being quashed by the Court of Appeal. Following a full re-trial, DSJ was found guilty by the jury and sentenced to a lengthy term of imprisonment.

R v RJ (2011) Maidstone Crown Court

Handling Stolen Goods: Trial (Not Guilty)

Nina was instructed to represent RJ at trial. As a result of Nina's cross-examination of the first prosecution witness, it was established that the Crown could not prove the case against RJ. A Not Guilty verdict was entered and the Judge told RJ that she walked away from court without a blemish on her character.