

Niamh Ingham

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Education

University of Manchester – BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics
– First Class

Graduate Diploma in Law – Commendation

Bar Professional Training Course - Very Competent

Professional Associations

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Northern Circuit

CPS Panel - Level 2

Areas of Specialism

Crime

Personal Injury

Professional Discipline

Licensing

Niamh is a busy junior practitioner, specialising in Crime and Regulatory work.

Crime

Since commencing practice, Niamh has obtained significant trial experience both defending and prosecuting. She has represented clients in a range of offences including: offences of violence, drugs matters, sex offences, fraud cases and driving charges. Niamh deals with cases at all stages of case management and is experienced in appeals to the Crown Court. In addition to her defence practice, Niamh has developed an equally busy prosecution practice as a CPS Panel Advocate (Cat 3). Niamh has also acted in private prosecutions.

Confident and approachable, Niamh has shown she has the necessary “soft skills” which allow her to communicate effectively with others as well as support clients through the process. In addition to her friendly and dedicated approach, Niamh is noted for her ability to present robust legal arguments. Niamh has secured an acquittal following a submission of no case to answer and successfully obtained a reduction of a custodial sentence by 1/3 during a complex application made under the slip rule.

Regulatory

Niamh has a flourishing regulatory practice and accepts instructions in all areas.

Niamh has recently acted as defence counsel in Fitness to Practise Proceedings at the Medical Practitioner's Tribunal Service.

Niamh has also acted for Social Work England and the Care Quality Commission in regulatory proceedings and was recently appointed as Special Counsel in a case of serious sexual assault. Niamh has acted for the Home Office in forfeiture proceedings and receives instructions to act on behalf of Local Authorities in matters such as school non-attendance and breaches of coronavirus restrictions.

Personal Injury

Niamh accepts instructions in all areas of Personal Injury law including cases arising from road traffic accidents, as well as Employers'

Liability and Public Liability. She is instructed to represent clients at trial, in assessment of damages hearings and in a variety of interlocutory hearings.

Notable Cases

R v B

Practice Area: Crime

Represented a defendant convicted of distributing indecent images at a slip rule hearing; securing a reduction in the custodial term of 1/3.

R v K

Practice Area:

Successfully prosecuted a Defendant in the Crown Court charged with fraud; securing a conviction in 40 minutes

R v F

Practice Area:

Secured a non-custodial sentence for a Defendant charged with possession with intent to supply cocaine

R v S

Practice Area:

Successfully made a submission of no case to answer in a case with a Defendant charged with a Public Order offence, captured on BWV. The Defendant was of previous good character

R v S

Practice Area:

Secured an acquittal for a Defendant charged with assault. In advance of the hearing, I made an application for an intermediary, advised regarding an intermediary assessment and conducted a ground rules hearing.

R v O

Practice Area:

Secured a non-custodial disposal for a Defendant charged with possession of indecent images. Successfully argued against the imposition of a SHPO on the basis that it was not necessary in the circumstances.

Social Work England

Practice Area: Regulatory

Acted as Special Counsel in a case where the defendant was accused of serious sexual assault.

Social Work England

Practice Area:

Presented a case at an interim order review and successfully submitted that an interim order of suspension was appropriate.

GMC v Dr L

Practice Area: Medical Practitioner's Tribunal Service.

Represented a Doctor, in Fitness to Practise Proceedings, accused of dishonestly submitting a fraudulent CV to a recruiter.
