

Year of Call: 2019

Practice Areas: Crime,

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Profile

Eleanor joined Chambers in September 2020 following the completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Stuart Neale.

Eleanor has developed a busy Crown Court practice. She was appointed to Level 2 of the CPS Advocates Panel in 2021. Her practice spans all areas of crime including the supply of drugs, sexual offences, offences against the person and dishonesty offences including burglary, robbery and fraud. Eleanor prosecutes and defends in equal measure. In addition to her work as sole counsel, Eleanor has recently acted as junior defence counsel in a rape trial.

Current instructions include:

- The prosecution of section 18 assaults;
- Representing the lead defendant in a case involving the conveyance of class A drugs into prison;
- Prosecuting multi-handed affrays; and
- Defending a client charged with child sex offences.

In her first year of practice Eleanor appeared in the Court of Appeal twice.

Eleanor accepts instructions in road traffic cases. She appears on behalf of defendants from first appearance through to trial, sentence and on appeal (if necessary). Eleanor also defends in taxi licensing cases and prosecutes for the DVLA on appeal to the Magistrates and Crown Courts.

Notable Cases

R v MU 2021 (Manchester Minshull Street) - Prosecuted five breaches of a Forced Marriage Protection Order where the Defendant had removed his children from the jurisdiction. The Defendant pleaded on an acceptable basis on the day of Newton Hearing. Successfully argued at sentence that the Judge should use the child abduction case law as guidance to sentence. Defendant was sentenced to 2 years and 3 months immediate custody.

R v SE 2021 (Manchester Hilton Nightingale Court)- Defended in the first effective trial heard at the Hilton Nightingale Court. The Defendant was found guilty of s47 assault for fracturing his neighbour's cheekbone. Persuaded the Judge at sentence to pass a 6 month suspended sentence despite the Defendant running a trial and having 26 previous convictions including 5 previous convictions for assault.

R v CH 2021 (Manchester Magistrates Court)- Prosecuted four charges of indecent exposure. The witnesses for the first three charges included a particularly vulnerable adult witness. Successfully applied to sever and adjourn the fourth charge part way through the trial after the witness to that incident did not attend. Secured convictions for the three charges that remained for trial on the day.

R v MM 2020 (Manchester Minshull Street) Defended a young male who had brought a knuckleduster with a knife blade into a college. Convinced the Judge to suspend the custodial term. The Defendant received a 1 year suspended sentence.

R v PR 2020 (Warrington Magistrates Court) – Defended an allegation of possession of an offensive weapon. Successfully made a submission of no case to answer on the basis that a baseball bat was not a weapon per se and the Crown had failed to provide evidence that the Defendant intended to use the bat to cause injury.

R v DN 2020 (Tameside Magistrates Court)- Defended allegations of assault and criminal damage in a domestic context which ran



alongside family proceedings. Prior to trial the Crown had failed to apply for disclosure from the Family Court. Following service of the Defence disclosure application the Crown offered no evidence.

Membership

The Northern Circuit

The Honourable Society of Middle Temple

Qualifications

BPTC, BPP Manchester, Very Competent

Law LLB (Hons), Durham University, 2.1

Awards

Harmsworth Scholarship, Middle Temple

Advocacy Scholarship, BPP Law School

Excellence Scholarship, BPP Law School