

## Laura Broome

Year of Call: 2019



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Laura completed her pupillage in October 2021 under the supervision of Rachel Faux. She has assisted on a wide range of criminal matters, including robbery, firearms, drug supply and historic sex cases.

Laura accepts instructions in all areas of crime, both prosecuting and defending.

Prior to starting pupillage, Laura worked as a criminal defence Litigator at Tuckers Solicitors where she successfully managed her own caseload. Laura conducted all aspects of trial preparation: taking instructions, advising clients, obtaining and reviewing disclosure, drafting proofs of evidence, drafting legal arguments, and instructing experts. Laura also attended court regularly to assist Solicitors. She would take instructions and give counsel to clients in respect of hearings such as first appearances, sentences, bail applications and warrants.

Laura also spent some time in the USA, providing assistance to a public defender service on capital murder cases, for which she was awarded the International Intern Award by Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association in 2018. Laura provided invaluable assistance to attorneys; she drafted legal documents, conducted legal research, reviewed disclosure, interviewed witnesses, attended federal court and met with clients on death row. Laura's article on intellectual disability as a defence to the death penalty has since been published in Middle Temple literature.

### Education

University of Liverpool- Law with Criminology LLB, First Class Honours

Manchester Law School- LLM, Distinction

Manchester Law School- Bar Professional Training Course, Very Competent

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### Professional Memberships

Amicus The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple Northern Circuit Crown Prosecution Service Advocate Panel (Level 2)

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### Notable Cases

#### **R v M (2022)**

Defended a s.47 trial in the Crown Court. The complainant was a police officer. The defendant was acquitted.

#### **R v X (2022)**

The defendant pleaded guilty on a basis on the day of trial to an offence of possession with intent to supply cannabis. He was the passenger in a car containing 12.5kg of cannabis (with a street value of £125,000). Following mitigation, the court imposed a sentence of 10 weeks imprisonment.

#### **R v LE (2021)**

Successfully represented a defendant who sought to appeal her conviction of assault on emergency worker. The complainant was a police officer.  
Laura raised legal issues in respect of disclosure and the Crown subsequently offered no evidence.

**R v LL (2021)**

Successfully prosecuted a 2 day sexual assault trial in the Magistrates' Court.

**R v M (2021)**

The defendant pleaded guilty to causing serious injury by dangerous driving. Following mitigation, the court imposed a suspended sentence.

**R v R (2021)**

The defendant pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply cannabis. 700g of cannabis with a value of over £5,000 was found during a search of his home address. Following mitigation, the court imposed a suspended sentence.