

Niamh McGinty

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Niamh specialises in all areas of criminal law, welcoming instructions for both prosecution and defence. Niamh completed pupillage in September 2022 under the supervision of Paul Treble. She has assisted on a wide range of cases including murder, drug production/supply and serious sexual and violent offences.

As a Sociology graduate, Niamh endeavoured to obtain legal experience before coming to the Bar. Alongside completing the Graduate Diploma in Law, she worked as a Court Clerk at Minshull Street Crown Court. During Bar school, Niamh was employed as a Serious Injury Paralegal at Irwin Mitchell Solicitors which enabled her to gain experience within civil proceedings and develop crucial transferable skills, such as the forensic analysis of complex evidence. She was instrumental in progressing high value, multi-track cases involving life-changing, catastrophic injuries and fatal accidents.

Niamh has developed a busy criminal practice and has experience of defending and prosecuting in the magistrates' and Crown Courts. She has gained experience in managing particularly challenging clients with mental health vulnerabilities. Niamh has a client focussed approach and prides herself on her personable nature and attention to detail.

Education

Durham University, Sociology, First Class Honours
BPP Law School Manchester, Graduate Diploma in Law, Merit
BPP Law School Manchester, Bar Training Course, Very Competent
BPP Law School Manchester, Career Guarantee Scholarship (GDL)
BPP Law School Manchester, Advocacy Excellence Scholarship (BTC)
Inner Temple Exhibition Scholar (GDL & BTC)

Professional Memberships

The Honourable Society of Inner Temple
Northern Circuit
Criminal Bar Association

Notable Cases

R v M [2022] – Benefit fraud. No evidence offered following an application to exclude evidence on account of a vulnerable defendant not having access to an appropriate adult in interview.

R v G [2022] – Secured acquittal via a successful application to dismiss in a revenge porn case.

R v N [2022] – Represented a vulnerable Defendant who required an intermediary for a trial in the magistrates. Secured the acquittal of one of three counts of assault.

R v M [2022] - Successfully defending an exceptional hardship argument for a father of three who faced losing his licence.

R v J [2022] - Successful prosecution of an appeal against conviction for exposure.

R v G [2022] - Successful prosecution in a burglary case in the magistrates involving disputed identification evidence and extensive CCTV.