# Niamh McGinty

Year of Call: **2021**

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Niamh specialises in all areas of criminal law, and welcomes instructions for both prosecution and defence. She maintains a busy practice across a broad range of offences, including drug production and supply, fraud, firearms, domestic violence, and serious sexual and violent offences. She is a Level 3 Crown Prosecutor.

Niamh recently appeared as defence counsel in a multi-defendant EncroChat case concerning allegations of conspiracy to possess firearms with an intent to endanger life.  She has also been led in a case involving multiple complainants of serious sexual abuse spanning several decades. Niamh has experience in handling vulnerable witnesses and sensitive evidence.

Niamh has a client-focussed approach and prides herself on her personable nature and attention to detail. Her early engagement with the issues in a case often leads to practical and effective resolutions, and she has secured strong outcomes for clients in both legally aided and privately funded work.

Niamh was called to the Bar in 2021. She completed pupillage in 2022 under the supervision of Paul Treble. Prior to coming to the Bar, she worked as a Court Clerk at Minshull Street Crown Court.

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## Education

Durham University, Sociology, First Class Honours
BPP Law School Manchester, Graduate Diploma in Law
BPP Law School Manchester, Bar Training Course
BPP Law School Manchester, Career Guarantee Scholarship
BPP Law School Manchester, Advocacy Excellence Scholarship
Inner Temple Exhibition Scholar

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## Professional Memberships

The Honourable Society of Inner Temple
Northern Circuit
Criminal Bar Association

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## Notable Cases

**Operation Andorra [2026]** – Junior defence counsel instructed in an infant murder involving an allegation of abusive head trauma and extensive expert medical evidence.

**Operation Mutazala [2026]** – Defence counsel in a National Crime Agency investigation into an alleged organised crime group accused of facilitating the illegal entry of Vietnamese nationals into the United Kingdom.

**R v KR [2026]** – Represented a 15-year-old defendant charged with possession of material likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism. The case involved extremist literature and digital material, including bomb-making instructions and a manifesto detailing plans for an act of mass violence.

**R v AT [2026]** – Defence counsel in a historical attempted rape prosecution involving complex legal argument on the admissibility of hearsay evidence when the complainant was deceased and the original police file had been destroyed.

**R v KW [2026]** – Defence counsel in a case involving allegations of serious sexual offending against a family member.

**Operation Dryer [2025]** – Represented a defendant charged as part of a large-scale EncroChat conspiracy involving the possession of firearms with intent to endanger life.

**R v PD [2025]** – Defence counsel in a multi-defendant conspiracy to kidnap arising from a planned abduction, assault and false imprisonment over a drugs dispute.

**Operation Bunker [2024]** – Junior defence counsel in a complex historic sexual abuse case involving seven complainants across three generations.