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Tanya accepts instructions in a wide range of criminal cases including drugs matters, violent offences and fraud. Tanya is a Level 2 Crown Prosecutor.

Tanya regularly appears in Crown Courts across the North West, both prosecuting and defending. She prides herself on her thorough approach to her cases and ability to form effective relationships with clients. Tanya accepts instructions in the Crown Court, Youth Court and Magistrates' Court.

Tanya also accepts instructions under the Proceeds of Crime Act ('POCA') and has experience of confiscation hearings, cash forfeiture and account freezing orders ('AFOs'). Her experience includes representing Defendants, the Home Office and HMRC.

Prior to starting Pupillage, Tanya worked as an Assessment Analyst at the Independent Office for Police Conduct, an organisation responsible for handling complaints against police forces in England and Wales. Here she developed an understanding of the police and criminal legal systems as well as reviewing evidence in police misconduct cases.

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Education

University of Manchester, Bachelor of Laws, First Class Honours

The Inns of Court College of Advocacy, Postgraduate Diploma in Bar Practice, Merit

Lord Justice Holker Scholarship from the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Residential Scholarship from the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Professional Memberships

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Women in Criminal Law

Northern Circuit

Criminal Bar Association

Notable Cases

R v E [2025] - Represented a Defendant charged with a s47 assault where the incident was captured on CCTV and the Defendant was identified by a police officer. No evidence offered following a successful application to exclude hearsay evidence and a s78 PACE argument.

R v G [2025] - Represented a Defendant who was a mere courier of drugs throughout POCA proceedings. The Prosecution reduced the benefit figure by £7,775.16 following written submissions that the benefit figure should relate to property actually 'obtained' rather than the value of the drugs involved.

R v H, H & M [2025] - Prosecuted a three-handed Class A drugs case which resolved mid-way through trial following discussions between counsel. All three Defendants entered guilty pleas.