

Verity Quaite

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

Verity is a CPS Level 2 Panel Advocate and has represented HMRC and the Home Office in forfeiture and condemnation proceedings. She has experience defending in the Youth, Magistrates' and Crown Courts. She regularly appears in POCA proceedings and has experience appearing in taxi licence appeals on behalf of both the appellant and local authorities.

Verity has a particular interest in financial crime. She is a **Corporate Crime Contributor for Lexis PSL**, has written an **article** on the new failure to prevent fraud offence is a member of the Female Fraud Forum and former committee member of the North West Fraud Forum.

She has worked in house at Fieldfisher and was part of the team representing ENRC when the SFO closed its **longest running investigation** into allegations of bribery and corruption without bringing charges. At Fieldfisher, she gained experience of disclosure heavy cases, including work on the **Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry**, defending individuals charged with fraud relating to Covid loans and companies/directors facing prosecution by Companies House.

Verity also has experience in corporate governance. She spent six months on secondment to the Ethics & Compliance department of a multi-national corporation, where she was responsible for managing and conducting internal investigations into over 40 allegations, ranging from Employment law issues to allegations of criminal offences such as theft, bribery and corruption.

Education

Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent)
Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)
MA Music, Culture and Politics
BA Music (First Class Honours)

Shelford Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
Hardwick Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn

Professional Memberships

Northern Circuit
Crown Prosecution Service Category 2

Notable Cases

R v L [2024] - Successful appeal to the Court of Appeal against the imposition of a confiscation order.

R v F [2024] - Led by Nicola Carroll in the successful prosecution of the Defendant for multiple counts of rape, coercive controlling behaviour strangulation and wounding.

R v F [2024] - Secured the acquittal of Defendant charged with coercive controlling behaviour, assault occasioning actual bodily harm and witness intimidation. The Complainant's credibility was so undermined that the Prosecution ultimately offered no evidence.

R v Fairbrother [2024] - Following various written applications, including an application to dismiss, s.8 CPIA 1996 and abuse of process argument, Prosecution offered no evidence on all counts.

R v L [2024] - Successfully represented youth charged with s.18 OAPA 1861.

S v DPP [2022] - Drafted advice and grounds in successful appeal to the Court of Appeal against sentence and imposition of an indefinite restraining order.

R v Youth - Successfully defended youth charged with joint enterprise arson in multi-handed trial.

R v N - Legal argument resulted in the withdrawal of breach proceedings by the National Probation Service.

AC (Parole Board) - Made a successful application for release of prison serving an IPP sentence.