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Year of Call: 1998

Alexandra was educated at Bolton School. She took a First in Law from Birmingham University where she was awarded the highest mark in Jurisprudence and the Henry Barber Law Scholarship.

Prior to joining St John's Buildings, she was a member of Peel Court after completing her pupillage there with Richard Pearce as her pupil supervisor. She has a varied common law practice and has appeared in front of a wide range of tribunals. She represents both Claimants and Defendants in civil claims in the small and fast track both at trial and at the interlocutory stage.

Appointments

- Recorder (Crime) 2018
- List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety (List C)

EXPERTISE

Crime

Alexandra prosecutes and defends in a wide range of criminal cases including VHCCs. She has been led by senior members of chambers in complex criminal cases for both the Prosecution and the Defence.

She provides advice in conference and in writing and undertakes drafting in a wide range of civil cases, but particularly personal injury. Alex also has experience in Licensing, Health and Safety at work and Food Hygiene cases

Significant Cases

Barton v DPP 2001 EWHC Admin 223

R v Hafiz (and 4 others)

Manchester Crown Court November 2010, Led by Richard Marks QC: Murder and Conspiracy to commit s.18, Possession of Firearms.

Gang related shooting. 5 Defendants in all – one of which, having pleaded guilty, has given evidence against the others. Extremely complicated case involving over 5,000 pages of evidence. Extremely sensitive and difficult PII issues involved. Trial ongoing.

R v Duesbury, Bolton Crown Court May 2010: Rape and False Imprisonment. Serious allegation of multiple rape. Acquitted after trial.

R v Karim, Manchester Crown Court September 2009 and May 2010: Conspiracy to Steal and Handle Stolen Goods.

The Defendant was one of several Defendants alleged to have been involved in a conspiracy to steal blank British Passports.