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Year of Call: 2015

Jemma was called to the Bar in 2015 and joined St John's Buildings in 2017 after successful completion of pupillage. Jemma accepts instructions in all areas of criminal law.

EXPERTISE

Crime

Jemma is instructed to represent clients at all stages of criminal proceedings, in both the Crown Court and the Magistrates' Court (including the Youth Court). She also has also appeared in the Court of Appeal. Jemma is experienced in dealing with vulnerable clients and witnesses and has completed the Bar Council Vulnerable Witness Advocacy Training.

Jemma is also a CPS Level 2 prosecutor.

Court of Appeal

R v R (2017): represented a client in an appeal against a sentence of 2 years and 8 months imprisonment imposed for a charge of theft. Successfully argued that despite the client falling outside the sentencing guidelines due to his extensive history of offending, the sentence passed was disproportionate and manifestly excessive. Sentence reduced to 2 years.

Crown Court

R v D (2018): represented a client charged with causing death by dangerous driving of his partner and friend. The case was reported in [the Telegraph](#).

R v B (2017): secured an acquittal for a client charged with dangerous driving.

R v R (2017): represented a client charged with s.47 assault and upon a submission that there was no case to answer, a not guilty verdict was entered at the close of the prosecution case.

R v F (2017): represented a client charged with violent disorder which required the assistance of an Indonesian interpreter.

R v K (2017): represented a client who had pleaded guilty to two charges of possession with intent to supply class A drugs. Successfully submitted that the matter could be dealt with by way of a suspended sentence.

Magistrates' Court

R v T (2018): successfully prosecuted a defendant charged with domestic assault on his partner and causing ABH to a police officer.

R v K (2018): multi-handed case involving allegations of battery and criminal damage. Client charged with battery against a 13 year old child and required the assistance of an interpreter. Prosecution witnesses included two children (aged 12 and 13). Successfully submitted that there was no case to answer at the close of the prosecution case and a not guilty verdict was entered.

R v M (2018): secured an acquittal for a client charged with sexual assault.

R v S (2017): represented a client charged with multiple driving offences including drug driving and drink driving. Extensive cross-examination of police officer regarding her ID evidence and secured an acquittal.

R v D (2017): represented a client charged with sexual assault and two counts of ABH. Trial involved multiple complainants with one complainant giving evidence via video link.