Fiona Clancy

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Appointments

- Recorder (2024)
- Grade 4 CPS Prosecutor

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Northern Circuit

Education

- Keble Advanced Advocacy Course 2022
- Criminal Bursary Award, The Criminal Bar Association, 2016
- Louise Godfrey Moot Finalist
- Criminal Bursary Award, The Criminal Bar Association, 2014
- Exhibition Award, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, 2013

Criminal

Fiona Clancy is an experienced Junior with a practice in serious and complex crime.

She has extensive experience in analysing and presenting high-profile cases involving Conspiracy offences, Organised Crime, Drugs, Firearms, and serious violence including Murder; having both prosecuted and defended as a led Junior in multi-handed, serious and complex cases. Fiona has the fortitude to deal with legal arguments in a fearless manner, and prides herself on her detailed written advocacy and preparation.

As one of a team of lead investigators on the Hillsborough Investigation for the Independent Police Complaints Commission, Fiona honed her skills in dealing compassionately with witnesses and in analysing and investigating extensive historic evidence. She is also adept at working patiently and sensitively with youths, and in the cross examination of vulnerable individuals, and has particular experience in dealing with Defendants who suffer from mental health.

Fiona is a former member of the Royal Military Police, and therefore has an excellent understanding of defending those in the military or emergency services. She was also previously a member of the General Medical Council Legal Team, and is proficient in cases involving complex medical evidence and multiple expert witnesses, including cases involving non-accidental injuries.

Fiona is a Grade 4 CPS Prosecutor and has taught Advocacy, Criminal Law and Criminal Litigation on the Bar Professional Training Course, Graduate Diploma in Law and LLB Law.

Criminal Cases

- Principal's Scholarship, BPP Law School, 2012
- Access Fund Award (GDL), BPP Law School, 2010
- BPP Law School – Bar Professional Training Course
- BPP Law School – GDL and LLB Law
- University of Salford – BSc Criminology and Politics

Criminal Cases

Serious and Complex Cases

Operation Rose (3D Printed Firearms and Class A Drugs) – Junior alone prosecuting a complex investigation relating to six Defendants who were members/associates of an outlaw motorcycle gang. Members of the Bandidos motorcycle group carried out a planned revenge attack on a rival clubhouse by driving a vehicle through the wall of a building causing extensive damage. The Defendants actions were uncovered following the detailed analysis of cell site and phone evidence, along with CCTV of their movements. That offending triggered an investigation into the group, uncovering further complex offending including an offence of Perverting the Course of Justice related to a false report of a Burglary and Theft of the Vehicle used by the group in the Criminal Damage offending and Supply of Class A and B drugs offences. House searches conducted across a number of locations in the UK uncovered extensive evidence relating to the manufacture of 3D printed firearms from the point of design through to the building of weapons in a first of its kind case for Greater Manchester Police. Two 3D printed firearms were recovered from two separate locations along with a further viable firearm loaded with live ammunition. Following conviction, the six Defendants were sentenced to nearly 20 years imprisonment. Fiona Clancy prosecuted the case from pre-charge advice to conviction, having been instructed by the CPS Complex Case Unit.

Operation Larkshot (Complex Money Laundering) – Junior to Ben Myers KC in one of the largest money laundering trials in British criminal history. Defending a Company Director accused of Money Laundering offences relating to 260 million pounds of international gold bullion trade.

Operation Hummingbird (Murder) – Neonatal Nurse tried for multiple murders and multiple attempted murders. Second Junior to Ben Myers KC during a ten month trial, which included extensive and complex medical evidence across multiple specialisms in neonatal medicine. Junior to Ben Myers KC in relation to Retrial and Appeal proceedings.

Operation Sandpiper (Murder) – Junior to Mark Rhind KC in relation to this 10 handed case, representing a youth aged 17 accused of Murder and Manslaughter arising from the stabbing of another youth in 2022. Involved extensive analysis of CCTV and a complex sequence of events. Acquitted of Murder and Manslaughter after a 12 week trial.

To view news coverage: https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/article/2024/jun/26/four-teenagers-convicted-over-fatal-stabbing-of-kennie-carter

Operation Acre (Murder) – Junior to David Temkin KC representing a youth aged 13 accused of Murder. The case involved extensive analysis of CCTV evidence in relation to the stabbing of another child and the law relating to joint enterprise.

Operation Chamfer (Murder) – Led Junior alongside Mark Rhind QC in a Murder trial for the Defence. The case involved extensive expert evidence from Fire Investigators.

Operation Kingman – Leading Junior. Successful prosecution after a three week trial in relation to offences of Conspiracy to Supply in excess of £2,000,000 worth of Class A Drugs (Cocaine and Heroin) and a Conspiracy to Transfer Prohibited Weapons, in order to settle the disputes of an organised crime group. The Conspiracies were based upon Encrochat evidence uncovered during Operation Venetic, alongside expert evidence. Following trial, the Defendant was convicted of all three counts on the indictment and sentenced to 17 years imprisonment.

Operation Mortimer – Led Junior alongside Mark Rhind QC in a successful multi handed prosecution for Conspiracy to Rob and Conspiracy to Supply Class A Drugs offences. The case involved reliance on Operation Venetic encrypted phone data, alongside covert audio recordings and analysis of complex financial evidence. Four of the Defendants were involved in a plot caught by the National Crime Agency to rob and torture a wealthy businessman. All five Defendants were also involved in a multi kilogram Conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. In total the Defendants were sentenced to 133 years imprisonment and made the subject of Serious Crime Prevention Orders.

To view news coverage: click here

Operation Dime Edge – Junior alone successfully prosecuting a Rogue Builder for 58 Fraud offences and two Counterfeit Currency offences. The total value of the fraud was £473,166.96 over an offending period between 2019 to 2021. The case involved 58 victims, some of whom were elderly. Many of the victims were left with homes in a state of disrepair, without roofs during the winter months and have been adversely emotionally and financially impacted by the crime. The Defendant Adam Priestley was sentenced to 5.5 years imprisonment for the untold misery that his offending caused.

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Operation Crowbar – Led Junior alongside Adrian Farrow in the successful prosecution of eight Defendants for a complex series of Drug Production, Importation and Supply offences and a ninth Defendant for Assisting an Offender. The offences came to light following the interception of a disguised 5kg package of MDMA tablets by Border Force and a subsequent drugs search. The Defendants were linked to this offending by way of forensic evidence, mobile phone cell site analysis and telephone data.

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Operation Accordion – Led Junior for the Defence alongside Ian Harris in a complex mortgage fraud case involving Conspiracy to Commit Fraud by False Representation.

Operation Canvas – Led Junior prosecuting a multi handed Conspiracy to Produce Cannabis.

R v TA – Junior alone on a case of Child Cruelty, in the context of wider allegations of S18 injuries caused during baby shaking incidents by TA's partner. Following analysis of complex medical evidence and the service of an extensive and detailed Defence Statement, the Crown offered no evidence in respect of the Child Cruelty counts relating to TA. Formal not guilty verdicts entered.

R v MM and ND – Acting as a Noting Junior to Christopher Tehrani KC in a 'baby shaking' case involving complex medical evidence and multiple expert witnesses.

Disclosure Counsel in relation to a complex historic fraud, including precharge disclosure advice and disclosure management.

Representing at high value Confiscation proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act and applications for Restraint Orders.

General Crime

R v BC – Acquittal. Successful defence of a victim of trafficking who was accused of producing in excess of 800 cannabis plants. The National Referral Mechanism concluded with reasonable grounds that the Defendant had been trafficked. A detailed and comprehensive Defence Statement setting out the facts in support of the Modern Slavery defence led to the Crown offering no evidence against the Defendant. Formal not guilty verdict entered.

R v BM – Acquittal – Successfully defended a male accused of sexual assault. Hearing on the voir dire in relation to the admissibility of identification evidence. The Defendant was acquitted following a successful submission of no case to answer.

R v DH – Acquittal – Successfully defended a male accused of sexual assault in the workplace.

R v CR – Acquittal – Successful defence of a male on three counts of historic sexual offending and hung jury upon the remaining counts.

R v AH – Acquittal – Successful defence of a male in relation to multiple accounts of historic sexual offending.

Recommendations

'Fiona is always well prepared, superb with clients, and a strong advocate.'
The Legal 500, 2026

"Fiona demonstrates a wide range of strengths throughout the duration of her trials. In respect of her advocacy, she strikes an excellent balance of firmness and fairness when cross-examining the complainant and her closing is extremely down-to-earth and relatable for the jury."
The Legal 500, 2025

"Her commitment and passion is clear and she provides the client with excellent support."

"She is a fantastic junior and is excellent with clients. She is calm under pressure and well respected by her peers."

"She is a very good advocate who is well liked by judges."
Chambers and Partners 2025

"A fierce advocate who has honed her skills and has a real presence in court."
The Legal 500, 2024