



# Eleanor Lucas

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Eleanor Lucas prosecutes and defends in the Crown, Magistrates', and Youth Courts. Eleanor also has experience defending in Court Martial proceedings and representing interested persons at coroner's inquests.

Eleanor has experience of a wide range of criminal matters including serious and domestic violence, public order, racially aggravated offences, weapons offences, sexual offences, and dishonesty offences. Eleanor also has extensive experience with motoring offences.

Eleanor spent three months on secondment to CPS London South where she worked as a Senior Crown Prosecutor on the Prosecution Review Unit. Eleanor was responsible for charging decisions as well as pre-trial reviews. Eleanor also prosecuted trials on behalf of the CPS. Eleanor is a Level 2 Panel Advocate.

Prior to joining 2 Bedford row, Eleanor worked as an intern for Death Penalty Attorneys at the Texas Defender Service in both Houston and Austin. She assisted with client visitation and document review on both pre-trial and post-conviction cases.

## Practice Areas

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### Defence

Eleanor has a busy and varied defence practice and regularly represents clients in the Crown, magistrates', and Youth Courts for trial, sentencing and other preliminary hearings. Eleanor also advises on, and conducts appeals against conviction and sentence.

Eleanor has completed the Vulnerable Witness Training course at Middle Temple and has experience handling vulnerable witnesses in sensitive cases. Most recently Eleanor dealt with the cross-examination of three youth witnesses in a knife-point robbery trial and separately the cross-examination of a youth witness who had accused her own mother of assault.

### Notable defence cases

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#### **R v HM**

D pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply, two charges of possession with intent to supply class B

and dangerous driving. Eleanor was successful in persuading the judge to avoid a sentence of immediate custody and D received a sentence of two years imprisonment suspended for two years.

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**R v JS**

Trial on a single-count indictment. D was acquitted of dwelling burglary after Eleanor successfully resisted the Crown's application to adduce evidence of D's bad character.

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**R v MD**

Trial on eight-count indictment. D acquitted of four counts including the most serious.

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**R v DM**

Appeal against the imposition of an indefinite restraining order; appeal granted and restraining order quashed.

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**R v SM**

D acquitted after trial of domestic ABH and assault.

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**R v MS**

D acquitted after trial of two charges of assault on an emergency worker; trial involved four police witnesses.

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**R v MR**

Crown offered no evidence on charge of assault after their application to admit the complainants evidence as res gestae was successfully resisted.

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**R v SD**

Crown dropped all charges against vulnerable 18-year-old as a result of written representations to review the case.

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**R v RM**

Successful submission of no case to answer in case of youth burglary.

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**R v BP**

D pleaded guilty to charges of 20 GBH and ABH and received a suspended sentence order.

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**R v LJ**

D acquitted of indecent exposure after trial involving vulnerable 15-year-old witness.

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**R v TT**

D faced two charges of robbery and one of possession of a bladed article. D was acquitted after application under S78 PACE to exclude identification evidence and submission of no case to answer were both successful.

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**R v UY**

D was charged with assaulting her own daughter, a youth. The complainant's aunt witnessed the alleged assault. The defence was one of self-defence. D was acquitted after trial.

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## Prosecution

Eleanor is a Level 2 Panel Advocate.

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Eleanor regularly prosecutes as an agent for the CPS in the Crown, magistrates' and youth courts. She has particular experience prosecuting cases of domestic abuse.

Eleanor also accepts regular instructions to prosecute on behalf of the Probation Service in relation to breach proceedings in the Crown Court.

## Road Traffic

Eleanor has extensive experience prosecuting and defending Road Traffic matters. She is regularly instructed to deal with summary trials, sentencing hearings and appeals as well as special reasons and exceptional hardship arguments.

## Notable road traffic cases

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**R v EG**

Special reasons argument in relation to charge of driving with no insurance was successful; D received an absolute discharge.

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**R v GD**

Trial on charge of driving without a licence. Defence of mistaken identity. D acquitted after trial involving four police witnesses.

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#### **R v LB**

Successful exceptional hardship argument in relation to D who had 'totted.' D avoided mandatory six month disqualification.

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#### **R v JS**

Successful appeal against conviction in relation to charge of failing to provide a specimen where the defence was needle phobia.

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#### **R v JD**

Speeding trial involving defence of mistaken identity. D acquitted despite the Crown's reliance on section 12 RTOA 1988 as evidence D was the driver.

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## Military Law

Eleanor has experience defending in serious court martial trials, including one involving sexual assault and a two-handed trial on eight charges including racially and religiously aggravated battery.

### Notable military law cases

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#### **R v TPR MN**

Eleanor represented TPR MN, who faced seven charges in a two-handed trial at Bulford Court Martial Centre. The prosecution called seven witnesses including the two complainants. Eleanor made a successful submission of no case to answer in relation to two of the charges and TPR MN was acquitted of the remaining charges he faced at the conclusion of the trial.

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## Publications

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- CPS Panel Advocate – Level 2
- Government Legal Department “Junior Junior” Counsel Panellist

## Memberships

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- Women in Criminal Law

## Education

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- Bar Professional Training Course(Outstanding), BPP Law School
- Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), City Law School
- BA Hons Politics & Criminology, University of Manchester

### Scholarships/Awards

- Hubert Greenland Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn
- Overseas Placement Fund, Lincoln's Inn
- Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn
- Advocacy Scholarship, BPP Law School
- Damien Bourke Mooting Award, University of Manchester

## Qualifications

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- Vulnerable Witness Training, Middle Temple