



# Hanna Llewellyn-Waters

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Hanna Llewellyn-Waters has a highly successful practice prosecuting and defending in the most serious criminal cases. She is regularly instructed as leading junior counsel; frequently appearing against King's Counsel.

The Crown Prosecution Service appointed her a Grade 4 prosecutor from the inception of the scheme, she is on the CPS Panel of Approved Rape Advocates; the CPS Specialist Panel for Serious Crime at Grade 4 and the Attorney-General's list of Prosecution Advocates.

Her areas of specialism include allegations of murder, rape and other serious sexual offences (often multi-generational), human trafficking, complex grooming, offences against children, firearms offences, large scale drug related conspiracies and grave violence.

She has extensive experience in sensitive, high profile cases with substantial third party material involving highly vulnerable witnesses and defendants, abuse of process, severance and complex disclosure issues. She is regularly instructed on a private basis to represent clients charged with serious offences including sexual allegations and violence.

She represents defendants charged with allegations of fraud and money laundering and has significant experience of police corruption cases.

She was consulted by the Law Commission for the review into the Evidence in Sexual Offences Prosecutions [consultation paper published May 2023] and by the Rt Hon Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC for the Report on her Independent Review into the Investigation and Prosecution of Rape in London. She has lectured law enforcement officers, lawyers and doctors from across the British Overseas Territories at the invitation of the FCO, CPS and CEOP [NCA] on the investigation and prosecution of offences involving children. Hanna is an advisory member of the Criminal Justice System and Rape Working Group, chaired by Mayor of London's Office for Policing and Crime.

She is a named contributor to *Abuse of Process*: Colin Wells (4<sup>th</sup> ed.), specifically the chapters on Disclosure and Delay. An Oxford University scholar, where she read English, Hanna joined the Bar after a short career in journalism. During her legal studies and pupillage, she was awarded by Middle Temple the Astbury Scholarship, the Harmsworth Scholarship and the Benefactors' Scholarship.

# Practice Areas

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## Crime

The Crown Prosecution Service has approved her to prosecute the most serious alleged offences [Grade 4].

### Notable crime cases

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#### R v K & K

Counsel for the Crown: extensive human trafficking for the purposes of prostitution by a European- wide organised crime network. 14 day Newton hearing resulted in a finding that coercion was used and that large sums of money were transferred worldwide for the purposes of money laundering. The case including complex confiscation proceedings.

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#### R v D

Led junior for the Crown. Case concerned the murder of a 14 year old boy following on-line grooming. Issues involved complicated sentencing process, including calling experts to help determine whether the murder involved sexual or sadistic motivation.

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#### R v C & D

Longest CCRC investigation undertaken. Led junior at the Court of Appeal and at the subsequent re-trial. Complex issues of disclosure: nearly 50 000 pages. Supergrass case. 6 week abuse of process application. Subsequently, the Crown offered no evidence.

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## Fraud

Hanna is regularly instructed to represent defendants charged with serious allegations of fraud and money laundering.

### Notable fraud cases

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#### R v T

Defence counsel in a multi-handed case involving money laundering and fraud in respect of illegal immigrants.

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#### R v M

Defence counsel in a multi-handed case involving a high value advance fee fraud.

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**R v L**

Defence counsel in a multi-handed case involving breach of restraint order, money laundering and fraud.

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**R v L**

Defence counsel for a man charged with multiple fraud allegations regarding obtaining finance for high value motor vehicles.

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## Professional Discipline

She is instructed on behalf of UKCP as presenting officer, including in a matter alleging grave sexual impropriety with an extremely vulnerable complainant.

## Serious Sexual Offences

Hanna is on the CPS Panel of Approved Rape Advocates and the Attorney General's list of Prosecution Advocates.

She has advised working groups on the treatment of complainants in cases alleging serious sexual offences.

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## Notable serious sexual offences cases

**R v RD**

Trial counsel for the Crown in the case believed to be the oldest criminal case in English Law: 62 year delay. Advised pre-extradition in respect of multiple allegations of rape concerning four complainants spanning 1949-1973. The case attracted international media attention. Extensive and complex submissions: abuse of process. Conviction upheld by the Court of Appeal.

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**R v C**

Trial counsel in case alleging false imprisonment, section 18 GBH and rape. Multiple medical experts called; dangerousness provisions applied.

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**R v S**

Leading trial counsel for the Crown. Multiple counts of rape and serious sexual offences by a high-profile local businessman in respect of four complainants. The case involved complex disclosure issues. The sentencing judge described the offences as 'the worst' he had dealt with.

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**R v B & S**

Led junior for the first trial. Leading junior for the retrial. Multiple rapes against four highly vulnerable child complainants.

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#### **R v M**

Defended a man charged with 33 counts of rape and further serious sexual offences against a 10-year-old girl. Thereafter appeared as junior alone against the Solicitor-General (unduly lenient sentence).

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#### **R v K & P**

Leading counsel for the Crown. Multiple counts of rape and false imprisonment by two defendants aided by a third party against two complainants. The offences involved extreme degradation; joinder and severance arguments. Both defendants were given indeterminate sentences.

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#### **R v F**

Trial counsel in a case concerning years of alleged serious sexual offending against two boys. Entrenched grooming and severe abuse of trust.

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