

Alexandra Wilson

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In her criminal law practice, she represents a variety of clients charged with serious matters and specialises in young and vulnerable clients. Her family law practice includes private children, public children, domestic abuse and finance cases.

Instructing solicitors have been impressed with Alexandra's excellent client care, her meticulous preparation and advice. She represents clients with the utmost professionalism and proficiency and is often specifically requested by both professional and lay clients.

Instructing solicitors have said:

“She has shown an ability to pick up a very difficult matter, in tough circumstances, even when parachuted in late in the day, and imbibe herself in the case.”

“Both [the lay client] and I were very happy and very impressed with the quality of work that Alexandra provided from the onset. The client was very stressed out prior to her hearing but she found Alexandra to be very helpful and dealt with her concerns, which put the client at ease.”

“I have had positive feedback from clients she has represented who have all been happy with her service. She is extremely professional.”

Additional information

Direct Public Access

Alexandra is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public.

Professional Appointments and Memberships

Advocate Panel 2016-2020 Grade 1 list.

Trained police station Appropriate Adult.

Essex Young Resolution Committee.

Middle Temple Hall Committee (elected).

Equality, Diversity and Social Mobility Sub-Committee of Middle Temple Hall Committee.

Education Sub-Committee of Middle Temple Hall Committee.

Criminal Bar Association Social Mobility Committee.

Mentor for Women in Criminal Law.

Education

LLM Legal Practice including BPTC, BPP Law School.

Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP University.

BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford.

Awards and Scholarships

Queen's Scholarship, Middle Temple.

Master's Scholarship, University College, Oxford.

RAI Award, Rothermere American Institute.

Professional Memberships

Resolution.

Essex Young Resolution.

Young Fraud Lawyers.

Criminal Bar Association (CBA).

Women in Criminal Law (WICL).

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

Family, Children & International Family

Alexandra specialises in children and finance law, particularly cases with an international element.

Alexandra has a busy practice in family law, which includes private children, public children, domestic abuse and finance cases. She is always well-prepared and builds an excellent rapport with her clients.

“Alexandra was very well prepared for her hearings... The clients got on well with Alexandra and I received excellent feedback reports.”

Feedback from one of Alexandra's instructing solicitors.

She regularly acts for clients in injunctive proceedings under the Family Law Act 1996, in both interim and fact-finding hearings. She is also frequently instructed in care proceedings to represent parents and guardians in care proceedings. Alexandra frequently makes or opposes emergency applications in these cases and is well-equipped to deal with late instructions.

Alexandra also has experience acting for the police in requests for disclosure of family proceedings for ongoing criminal matters.

Criminal Defence

Alexandra's criminal practice is in the Magistrates', Youth and Crown Courts. She has recently secured acquittals for clients charged with domestic assaults and public order offences.

Alexandra has a busy criminal practice where she has gained familiarity with cell-site and other electronic evidence. She is interested in the legal issues surrounding the use and misuse of data, technology and information. She has written two detailed articles on Encrochat which can be viewed here: [The hacking of EncroChat](#) and [The hacking of EncroChat Part 2](#). She is also due to present a Webinar on Encrochat to LCCSA members, alongside another barrister from 5SAH and a leading cell site expert.

Alexandra has represented a variety of clients in criminal cases charged with serious matters and specialises in young and vulnerable clients. She has undertaken additional training in this area including the YJLC Youth Justice course and the ICCA Vulnerable Witness training course.

"It was extremely helpful to the Court and other agencies in Court that Ms. Wilson was well prepared and informed of all matters involving this youth. She also had a very clear grasp of the important issues in a case involving child exploitation and modern slavery."

Feedback from one of Alexandra's instructing solicitors.

Criminal Prosecutions

Alexandra has prosecuted a significant number of day lists in the Magistrates' court. She has successfully been added to the Grade 1 list and is familiar with prosecuting in Appeals and mentions in the Crown Court for the CPS.

Asset Recovery, Civil Fraud & Confiscation

Alexandra has defended clients in enforcement proceedings in the Magistrates' Court. She

recently represented a client in case listed for a contested POCA hearing and successfully reduced the benefit figure by approximately one-third through her thorough comprehension of the facts and persuasive written advocacy.

“Alexandra took on at the last minute a contested POCA and I was impressed by her research [and] confidence shown to challenge the prosecution... The client again called from custody to thank me for choosing Alexandra and said how thorough and approachable she was.”

Feedback from one of Alexandra's instructing solicitors.