

# *Elisenda Mitchell*

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YEAR OF CALL: 2023



## *Overview*

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Elisenda began her pupillage in October 2023 and is currently supervised by David Williams, working on and observing criminal defence, youth court, and extradition matters. She was previously supervised by Allister Walker where she observed and assisted with prosecution work in RASSO cases. During her pupillage, she has observed cases in the High Court involving challenges to search warrants with Andrew Bird KC.

Prior to starting pupillage, Elisenda was a paralegal at Pury Erskine Solicitors where she assisted with a broad range of criminal defence, regulatory and military proceedings. From preparing cases for trial in the Crown Court, she gained considerable experience of cases involving serious violence and sexual offences.

Elisenda previously worked for an MP where she undertook a variety of roles, including successfully challenging negative coronavirus grant decisions on behalf of local businesses.

Elisenda has also worked for a Police and Crime Commissioner where she gained extensive knowledge of the working practices of the police.

During her time at the University of Bristol, she helped deliver Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) training to Detective Constables in Avon and Somerset Police.

## *Professional Memberships*

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Women in Criminal Law (WICL).

Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum (DELFF).

Young Fraud Lawyers Association (YFLA).

The Honourable Society of Middle Temple.

## *Cases of Note*

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### **R v H, Maidstone Crown Court**

Successfully appealed a Detention and Training Order, reducing the sentence to a 12-month Referral Order for a child convicted of aggravated burglary.

### **R v H, Central Criminal Court**

Defended a man at his sentencing hearing for breaching a Terrorism Prevention Order - heard in Court 1 at the Old Bailey.

### **R v B, Chelmsford Crown Court**

Prosecuted a man charged with racially aggravated harassment and assault in a 4-day trial.

### **R v D, Harrow Crown Court (sitting at the Central Criminal Court)**

Made a successful bail application for a man charged with witness intimidation & perverting the course of justice.

### **R v C, Croydon Magistrates' Court**

Made a successful bail application for a man charged with shoplifting offences who had over 40 previous theft convictions.

**R v G, Croydon Magistrates' Court**

Represented a woman at trial charged with an offence under s.12(1) Theft Act 1968 - Bench found her not guilty.

**R v M, Southend Magistrates' Court**

Successfully persuaded the CPS to withdraw an affray charge at the first appearance and charge a s.4 Public Order Act offence instead.