

# *Ini Udom*

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YEAR OF CALL: 2002



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## *Overview*

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Ini is a barrister specialising in regulatory work and complex criminal cases. She has particular expertise in fraud and financial crime and is ranked in The Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners for her fraud work. Ini is a collaborative worker whose attention to detail and meticulous case preparation is often praised. She is a persuasive advocate who is trusted and respected.

*'Ini is an astute lawyer and a passionate and persuasive advocate, whose dedication shines through. She drives cases forward with vision and great tactical judgement.'*

*'She is extremely clever, hardworking, a good team player, excellent on difficult legal issues, a fabulous, fearless advocate, dedicated and passionate about her work. She really cares about her cases and fights hard for her clients. She is adept at dealing with voluminous material, quickly identifying the core issues, simplifying difficult concepts and scenarios and explaining them with clarity and precision.'*

The Legal 500 2022 & 2021.

*"A hard-working and diligent barrister." " Very dedicated and smart. She is a good advocate."*

Chambers & Partners 2022.

Ini is also qualified to practice at the New York Bar.

She receives instructions in relation to regulatory and professional disciplinary cases, often advising the client from the outset. A number of Ini's cases involve medical professionals or the respective regulatory body.

She also appears on behalf of Local Authorities and has expertise in Trading Standards and Environmental Health Services.

## *Judicial appointments*

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Fee-paid Judge of the First-tier Tribunal (Social Entitlement Chamber).

Adjudicator for the ETA.

## *Professional panel appointments*

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London Boroughs Legal Alliance (LBLA) – Grade A for Crime.

General Dental Council (GDC) grade C (10 years' and above call) appointed advocate.

List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in health and safety and environmental law (List B).

Specialist CPS Fraud panel counsel.

CPS Organised Crime panel counsel.

Grade 3 CPS prosecutor.

## *Additional Information*

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### **Pupillage Supervisor**

Ini is a Pupillage Supervisor and trained advocacy tutor for Lincoln's Inn.

### **Direct Public Access**

Ini accepts Direct Public Access instructions.

### **Awards and Internships**

Prior to joining the Bar, Ini undertook an internship with the United Nations (UN) High Commission for refugees and worked as a volunteer for the medical foundation caring for victims of torture.

Thomas More bursary (Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn).

Hardwicke Scholarship (Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn).

## *Professional Memberships*

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Fraud Lawyers Association.

Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers.

Female Fraud Lawyers Forum.

Criminal Bar Association.

## *Business Crime*

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She has a wide range of experience in fraud litigation including large-scale MTIC fraud, VAT fraud, benefit fraud and Excise fraud. She is instructed in multi-handed cases of complexity and volume.

Ini also appears in the First Tier VAT Tribunals and is regularly instructed from early on in the proceedings. Her experience practising in crime complements this work and she is highly knowledgeable with regard to case preparation and presentation.

## *Criminal Defence*

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Ini defends in serious criminal cases and has particular experience in cases of fraud.

She has been instructed in cases of serious assaults, robbery, kidnap, false imprisonment, rape, benefit fraud, VAT fraud, facilitation of illegal entry, money laundering, drugs offences (importation and supply).

## *Criminal Prosecutions - Private & Public*

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Ini prosecutes serious criminal case and has particular experience in cases of fraud. She has been instructed in cases of serious assaults, robbery, kidnap, false imprisonment, rape, benefit fraud, VAT fraud, facilitation of illegal entry, money laundering, drugs offences (importation and supply).

She accepts instructions in relation to Private Prosecution matters.

## *Professional Discipline & Regulatory*

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Ini has a Professional Regulation and Disciplinary practice. She appears in cases before the

General Dental Council, General Pharmaceutical Council, Nursing and Midwifery Council and Health and Care Professions Council.

She accepts instructions to advise and to conduct hearings before fitness to practice, health and interim order committees. Ini has experience of misconduct, probity and lack of competence issues, and also applications for review.

Ini is able to draw on her experience in the fields of general crime and complex fraud. She has great experience dealing expert and lay witnesses, technical evidence and trial issues. Ini has a commendable ability assimilate and present complex arguments and evidence, meaning that she is perfectly placed in this area of practice.

She also undertakes work on behalf of Local Authorities and has developed a strong practice in prosecutions brought by Trading Standards and Environmental Health Services.

Ini has been appointed to the General Dental Council panel (band B) and the London Boroughs Legal Alliance panel (band A).

## *Inquests & Inquiries*

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Ini accepts instructions in relation to Public Inquiries and Inquests.

## *Cases of Note*

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### **Regulatory**

#### **Prosecuting Royal Mail Group**

Instructed by HB Public Law to prosecute the Royal Mail Group at Isleworth Crown Court in relation to health and safety breaches. The breaches were found to be a significant cause of a serious non-fatal accident, in which an employee was struck by a 7.5 tonne delivery lorry. HHJ Matthews sentenced the Group at Isleworth Crown Court on 21st December 2017. A fine of £1.6 million was imposed. All prosecution costs were recovered.

<https://www.ioshmagazine.com/article/royal-mail-fined-ps16m-over-yard-marshals-multiple->

injuries

### **NMC**

Case before the NMC involving allegations of assault on an 82-year-old dementia patient by a nurse (facts not proved).

### **GPhC**

Case before the GPhC regarding the conviction of a Pharmacist and his fitness to practise.

### **NMC**

Case before the NMC involving a newly qualified nurse accused dragging a patient in a sheet across a residential unit and dishonest record keeping (no misconduct found).

### **NMC**

Case before the NMC involving a nurse accused of dishonest and deficient record keeping (interim order hearing).

### **NMC**

Case before the NMC involving a nurse accused of striking and shouting at a dementia patient in a care home (facts found proved, conditions of practice imposed).

### **HCPC**

Case before the HCPC involving a social worker accused of an inappropriate relationship with a foster carer and bias.

### **NMC**

Case before the NMC involving a nurse accused of a number of failings including record keeping, incorrect administration of medication and undertaking insufficient observations.

### **Business Crime / Fraud**

#### **R v. K & Ors (Operations Berg Meeker & Bygone)**

A joint Home Office & HMRC investigation concerning immigration, revenue fraud and money

laundering on an industrial scale. Ini acted as disclosure counsel. High profile case with press links below: <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/fraudster-who-fled-10year-jail-term-in-uk-stands-as-anticorruption-mp-in-bangladesh-a4003401.html>  
<https://www.mynewsdesk.com/uk/hm-revenue-customs-hmrc/pressreleases/fraudsters-get-31-years-of-jail-for-ps13m-tax-and-immigration-scam-2803417>

### **R -V- DAS and Others**

Led junior in a case alleging a calculated and complex VAT fraud involving sham companies and directorships

### **R -v- Ahmed and Others**

Junior alone in a case alleging excise duty evasion and tobacco smuggling.

### **London Borough of Croydon v Gumble**

Trading standards Case where a builder had breached the Unfair Trading and Consumer Standards Regulations and also committed fraud, His victims were typically elderly, females living alone. A lifetime CRASBO was imposed on the defendant, operative throughout the United Kingdom. This was a first such order to be secured by the London Borough of Croydon A confiscation order was also secured against the Defendant.

### **R v. Ahmed, Shearer & Azzopardi**

Led junior in a case involving a number of accountants and businessmen on charges of conspiracy to defraud the UK Revenue of over £6 million and money laundering. The prosecution case alleges the use of numerous companies in various jurisdictions including Gibraltar and Belize to effect the fraud and to launder the proceeds.

### **Rioni Limited v HMRC (First Tier Tax Tribunal)**

Successful outcome in Appeal, led junior. Appeal by Rioni against a decision of HMRC to deny input tax of £23 million. Case involved basic MTIC fraud and contra-trading. Document heavy case - over 130 lever arch files of evidence, complex expert evidence regarding grey market, and links to criminal investigations.

### **R v Chowdhury (Crown Court)**

Junior alone in a case brought the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and the London Borough of Newham concerning benefit fraud. The Defendant owned 14 properties and had interests in a lettings agency and restaurant which was not declared to the relevant authorities. Confiscation proceedings pursued in this matter which resulted in a confiscation order in the sum of £750,000.

### **R v Ullah and others (Crown Court)**

Prosecution junior in a VAT fraud trial, instructed by Revenue and Customs Prosecution Office. Two of the four defendants were serving Customs Officers.

### **Operation Tangelo II (Crown Court)**

Member of the disclosure team devising strategy and reviewing material in relation to a multi-million pound Excise and VAT Fraud.

### **R v Delphine Ighile (Crown Court)**

Benefit fraud involving Income Support, Housing and Council Tax benefit overpayments in excess of £90,000.

### **R v Sandra Arroyave-Calle and Alberado Gomez Velasquez (Crown Court)**

Prosecution on behalf of the London Borough of Croydon concerning benefit fraud, obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception and possession of false identity documents. The Defendants alleged to have used 9 different identities over a 4 year period.

### **R v Chowdhury and Jamal**

Prosecution counsel in a case alleging multiple instances facilitation of illegal entry (sponsorship based on false documentation and false familial relationships). The Defendants were husband and wife and operated using multiple identities.

### **R v Hannah King (Crown Court)**

Prosecution of a NHS employee who defrauded the NHS by falsifying timesheets and invoices.



## **Crime**

### **R v Turner and others (Crown Court)**

Led Defence junior in a six handed conspiracy to burgle. R v Choo and others (Crown Court)  
Defence counsel in a multi-handed case alleging kidnap, false imprisonment and GBH.

### **R v Makuwa (Liliane) [2006] 1 WLR 2755, (2006) Crim. L. R. 911, (2006) 2 Cr. App. R. 11 (Court of Appeal)**

Led junior in an appeal against conviction to the Court of Appeal. The case concerned the interpretation and application of s 31 (1) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

### **R v Ayshford and others (Crown Court)**

Led junior for the defence in a four-handed trial for false imprisonment, rape and conspiracy to supply of Class A drugs.

### **R v Hickman (Crown Court)**

Prosecution junior in a trial for the sale and supply of counterfeit medicinal products and money laundering, instructed by the Medicine and Health Regulatory Authority.

## *Accreditation*

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