



“She has outstanding written and oral advocacy, legal knowledge, judgement and client skills.” Legal 500

Victoria acts in criminal, public law and human rights matters. Her practice has a strong international dimension.

Public and Administrative Law

Victoria represents both individuals and public authorities in public law matters in the criminal justice sphere. Notable cases include *R (Simpson) v Secretary of State for Justice* [2022] EWHC 3181 (Admin) (on Parole Board referrals); *R (DPP) v Bristol Crown Court* [2022] EWHC 2415 (Admin) (on custody time limits during a barristers’ strike); *R (Siddiqui) v Westminster Magistrates’ Court* [2021] EWHC 1648 (Admin) (on summons applications in private prosecutions), *R (Rose) v Chief Constable of Greater Manchester* [2021] EWHC 875 (Admin) (on police complaints) and *R (Belhaj) v DPP* [2019] 1 AC 593 (closed material procedures).

Victoria has a deep knowledge of human rights principles and case law. She has been instructed by the Government of the United Kingdom in around 20 cases before the European Court of Human Rights, including *Taxquet v Belgium* 926/05, *Al Khawaja and Tahery v United Kingdom* [2011] 54 EHRR 23, *McCallum v Italy* 20863/21 and *Sanchez-Sanchez v United Kingdom* (22854/20) in the Grand Chamber. She contributed to *Human Rights in Criminal Law* (Jones et al, Bloomsbury, 2023)

Crime

Victoria acts in criminal appeals and related proceedings. Recent Court of Appeal and Supreme Court cases include *Attorney General’s Reference (no 1 of 2022)* [2023] EWCA Crim 1259 on protest rights, *R v Field* [2022] EWCA Crim 316 on causation in murder, *R (Highbury Poultry) v Telford Magistrates* [2020] UKSC 39 on strict liability offences and *DPP v Jugnauth* [2019] UKPC 8 on corruption offences. She is also an experienced trial advocate.

She represented the National Crime Agency in the *Encrochat* litigation before the Investigatory Powers Tribunal.

Inquests and Public Inquiries

Victoria has worked on public inquiries and reviews, most recently as junior counsel to the Undercover Policing Inquiry, representing bereaved families in the Manchester Arena Inquiry, and as counsel to Sir Richard Henriques’ review of the Service Justice System in 2021.

Victoria regularly appears in inquests, including those in which Article 2 is engaged. Her experience includes acting for bereaved families in the inquest into the deaths in the terror attack at London Bridge on 3 June 2017. She also represents those at risk of criticism.

Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance

Victoria provides advocacy and advice in extradition and mutual legal assistance matters, and has experience of cases under both Part 1 and Part 2 of the Extradition Act 2003.

Victoria has worked with government officials across the common law world to revise the “Harare Scheme” for mutual legal assistance within the Commonwealth and been involved in training and developing prosecutors in these areas, particularly in Eastern and Southern Africa. Victoria contributed Part III (Mutual Legal Assistance) to the *Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance Handbook* (Oxford University Press).

Proceed of Crime

Victoria has been instructed in cases of money laundering and advises on all aspects of confiscation and asset forfeiture. She appears in asset recovery proceedings at all stages from restraint to enforcement. Victoria’s publications in this area include: *External Requests for Restraint Orders: King v Director of the Serious Fraud Office*, *Proceeds of Crime Review 3* (2009) (with David Perry QC) and *Proceeds of Crime and the European Convention on Human Rights*, *Proceeds of Crime Review 4* (2010) (with David Perry QC).

International

Victoria has acted in an advisory capacity for and against a number of foreign governments and prosecution agencies, most frequently in relation to corruption allegations, and has represented individuals facing criminal charges before courts in other jurisdictions.

Victoria was junior counsel for the Appellant in *Director of Public Prosecutions of Mauritius v Jugnauth* [2019] UKPC 8, an appeal concerning the prosecution of the Prime Minister of Mauritius on corruption charges.

Independent Counsel

Victoria has given advice on legal professional privilege during the execution of search warrants, both as independent counsel and representing the owner of the premises.

Other

As a junior tenant Victoria worked at the House of Lords as judicial assistant to Lord Rodger of Earlsferry and Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood. She also completed a short course at the London School of Economics on the Law of War and Human Rights.