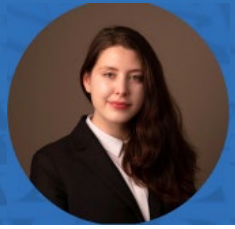
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Annie Fendrich



Annie accepts instructions across a range of Chambers' practice areas, including general and corporate crime, public law and prison law.

Crime

Annie regularly appears in the Crown Court, where she both prosecutes and defends. Annie has also appeared in the Court of Appeal, challenging a sentence imposed for an offence of stalking involving serious alarm or distress. Annie submitted that in assessing culpability the sentencing judge had failed to reflect her client's vulnerabilities (including diagnoses of bipolar disorder and autism spectrum disorder) and had incorrectly assessed the scope of the offence and level of distress intended. Sentence was reduced from 2.5 years' imprisonment to 40 weeks (R v DD [2022] EWCA Crim 1430).

Annie is frequently instructed to defend individuals alleged to have committed offences whilst in custody. She is familiar with the Crime in Prison Referral Agreement and the Prisoner Discipline Procedures (Adjudications) PSI and has experience challenging decisions to prosecute on the basis that internal adjudication proceedings have, or ought to have been, pursued instead. Annie has appeared in cases in which the actions of prison officers have been challenged as part of the defence case. She has a detailed knowledge of a range of prison policy documents and is experienced in cross examining prison officers in relation to compliance with them.

Annie also has experience advising in relation to private prosecutions. Previous instructions include assisting with the preparation of a proposed private prosecution raising issues of both domestic and Russian law and advising on the merits of a proposed private prosecution for an alleged multi-million pound fraud.

Annie is frequently instructed to draft representations to the Crown Prosecution Service concerning charging decisions, both challenging decisions to prosecute and in the context of the Victims' Right to Review Scheme.

Annie is a CPS Grade 2 prosecutor and has experience prosecuting in cases of burglary, robbery, sexual offences, drug offences and offences against the person. She has advised the CPS at both the pre- and post-charge stage in relation to a range of offences.

Youth Justice

Annie has particular experience representing children and young people. She frequently appears in the youth court on behalf of defendants at first appearance, trial and sentence. She has acted in cases involving bladed article offences, drug offences, theft, assault against an emergency worker and armed robbery. Annie has completed specialist training with the Youth Justice Legal Centre.

Corporate Crime

Annie accepts instructions in corporate crime matters. She has extensive experience acting as document review counsel on behalf of corporate clients.

Public Law

Annie accepts instructions in public law cases, especially those with a link to criminal law.

Annie has a particular interest in prison law, including Parole Board hearings and adjudications. She regularly acts on behalf of prisoners on a pro bono basis. Recent work in this regard includes assisting a prisoner in preparing for upcoming adjudication proceedings, advising on the merits of an appeal against sentence and advising on appeal against conviction for grievous bodily harm in circumstances where adjudication proceedings had taken place before the case was referred to the police.

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