

Francesca Perera

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Francesca has a broad criminal and regulatory practice.

She appears in the Crown Court on a daily basis on behalf of the Prosecution and defence. She also undertakes private Magistrates Court work.

Expertise

Crime

Francesca has developed a successful Crown Court practice. She prosecutes and defends in a wide range of cases including drugs, sexual offences and serious assault.

Francesca is a Grade 3 prosecutor on the general crime and RASSO panels and is regularly instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service. She has been instructed as junior Counsel in cases such as murder, drugs and serious assault.

Francesca was previously employed at the Crown Prosecution Service. She therefore has extensive knowledge of the operations and processes involved in prosecution work.

Francesca also has a busy defence practice in a wide range of criminal offences including sexual offences, drugs supply and violence.

Notable Cases

R v ES (2025)

Led by Tim Harrington prosecuting a Defendant for causing death by careless driving and causing serious injury by careless driving. The case attracted significant media attention.

R v AM (2025)

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Prosecuted a Defendant for possession of indecent images of children.

R v DR (2025)

Prosecuted a Defendant for drug importation.

R v TZ (2025)

Successfully prosecuted a taxi driver for sexual assault.

Operation Lozenge (2025)

Disclosure junior in a multi-handed drugs conspiracy. This required considering thousands of pages of mobile phone evidence and analysing whether or not they met the test for disclosure. Led by Daniel Oscroft and instructed by the Complex Case Unit.

R v X (2025)

Led by Earl Pinnock prosecuting two parents for causing serious injury to their child.

R v MB (2024)

Prosecuted an unfit Defendant for arson. Hospital order with restrictions imposed.

R v X (2024)

Prosecuted multiple Defendant's for producing cannabis. Involved NRM referrals and modern slavery defences.

R v KH (2024)

Secured an acquittal for a Defendant charged with Section 20.

R v MB (2024)

Led by Earl Pinnock defending multiple counts of attempt murder. The trial included legal argument on the admissibility of drill videos.

Regulatory

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Francesca has developed an in depth knowledge on a wide range of regulatory matters including professional discipline and road traffic offences. She has appeared in the Magistrates Court and the Crown Court representing police officers, insurance companies and local authorities.

Francesca is now on the 'List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates' at Grade C.

Francesca has been instructed on cases involving medical professionals and has appeared on behalf of the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Francesca has represented police officers charged with criminal offences in both the Magistrates and the Crown Court, as well as representing them in misconduct proceedings.

Francesca has represented individuals charged with road traffic offences such as causing death by dangerous driving and causing death by careless driving.

Francesca's criminal practice compliments this work as she has a detailed knowledge of the criminal justice system. Her time at the Crown Prosecution Service gave her an insight and understanding into the operation of magistrates courts and tribunal hearings rather than just jury advocacy.

Francesca is keen to continue to develop her regulatory practice further.

Notable Cases

WMP v TL (2025)

Defended a police officer in misconduct proceedings for data protection breaches.

R v HF (2025)

Defended a police officer charged with Section 18. The Crown accepted a plea to Section 20 and a suspended sentence order was imposed.

R v GB (2024)

Defended a retired police officer charged with sexual assault. Successfully mitigated for a suspended sentence order.

HSE v X (2024)

Defended a steelworks company for breaches of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 following the death of an employee.

R v LP (2024)

Defended an individual for opening a car door causing injury, where the Complainant had subsequently passed away from unrelated medical issues.

R v AH (2024)

Defended a police officer charged with careless driving. This required cross-examination of experts on police procedure and the speed driven. The Defendant was found not guilty after trial.

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Accreditations

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Memberships

- Inner Temple
- Midland Circuit

Qualifications

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- LLB(Hons) – University of Liverpool

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