

# Giles Pengelly

Call: 2017



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## Expertise

### Crime

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Giles now exclusively practices in criminal law, where he both prosecutes and defends in the Magistrates' Court, Youth Court, and Crown Court.

Unusually, for a Midlands-based criminal barrister, Giles also regularly appears in extradition proceedings at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

Giles is hard-working and responsive – he likes to get involved, early, in a party's preparation for trial. Particularly when defending, Giles takes time and care with his clients to understand their positions and to provide them with reassurance.

Giles is a confident trial advocate and, where appropriate, will fearlessly argue points of law for his clients.

Giles has first-hand experience of the decision-making processes, and culture, of the police and the Crown Prosecution Service ("CPS"). Among other things, Giles was seconded to the CPS as a Senior Crown Prosecutor from May to December 2022.

Giles was appointed as a Legally Qualified Chair of the Police Misconduct Panels for the South Eastern Region in December 2023. He has since transitioned into being a Legally Qualified Person following changes to the law. Giles was appointed to sit in the South-Eastern Region in 2023 and parts of the South-Western region in 2024. Giles' role brings him into contact with seven different forces.

### Reported Cases

- Souza v Souza [2021] EWHC 199 (Fam) (Royal Courts of Justice, Cohen J)
- Ali v Barbosa [2019] EWHC 2776 (Fam); [2020] 2 F.C.R. 263 (Royal Courts of Justice, Lieven J)

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## Accreditations

- 2018 – Baron Dr. Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize (Middle Temple)
- 2016 – Brick Court Chambers Scholarship (Middle Temple)

## Memberships

- Midlands and Oxford Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Extradition Lawyers' Association
- Derby and District Law Society

## Appointments

- Legally Qualified Person of the Police Misconduct Panels, South Eastern Region and parts of the South-Western Region
- Grade Two Prosecutor (General Crime)
- Grade Two Specialist Prosecutor (Serious Crime and Proceeds of Crime)
- Grade One Specialist Prosecutor (Extradition)

## Qualifications

- LLM, European Public Law and Governance – Maastricht University, The Netherlands
- MA (Cantab), Philosophy and Law – King's College, Cambridge

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