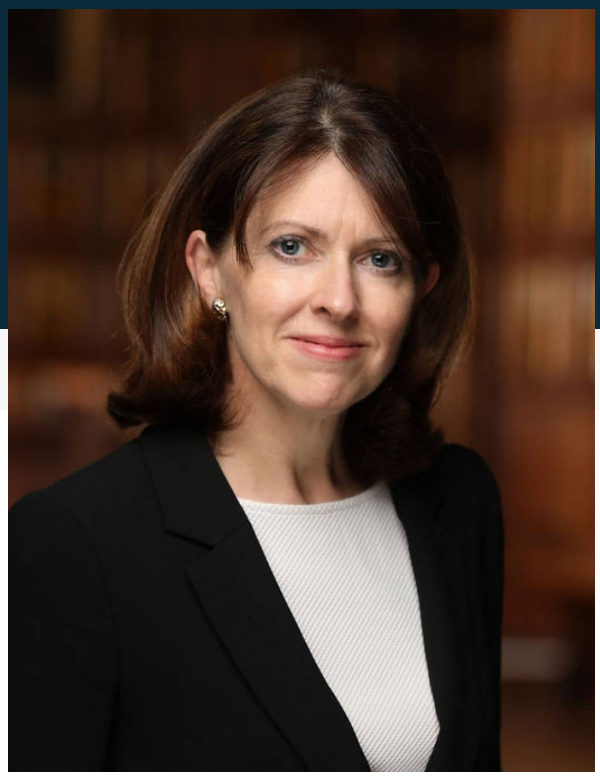
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What others say:

- *"Julia treats clients with professionalism, empathy and respect, ensuring they feel supported, informed and understood throughout what is often an extremely distressing process."*
  "Julia commands confidence and trust from her clients, while maintaining clear, realistic advice - a rare and valuable skill."
  "Julia is highly strategic in her approach to litigation and consistently demonstrates excellent judgement when determining the most effective route to take a client's case."
  "Julia is very empathetic and accommodating; she walks the fine balance between what clients want to hear and what they need to hear."
  "Julia is very industrious, very able and very charming." ***Chambers & Partners, Crime 2027***
- *"Julia is a highly experienced and hard-working barrister. Her attention to detail, especially in 'paper-heavy' cases, is excellent, and her technical legal knowledge is second to none. She is a master trial practitioner and a fantastic trial advocate. She has delivered some of the best closing speeches to juries that I have seen."* **Legal 500, 2027**
- *"Flanagan is a brilliant advocate. She has an innate ability to completely undermine a*

Present and Recent Instructions:

- R v F. Member reality TV show acquitted of 'date' rape.
- The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis v X. Police officer accused of sexual assault of a fellow officer. Case not proven.
- R v B. Partner in law firm accused of multiple counts rape. Acquitted.
- R v O. Businesswoman accused drunken assault upon police officer. Acquitted.
- R v K. Consultant physician accused multiple counts sexual assault in hospital. Acquitted.
- R v C. Medical professional accused multiple charges sexual assault of employees. Acquitted.
- R v B. Solicitor accused conditional

witness, but charm them at the same time."

"Julia Flanagan is clear and confident and very involved. She is engaged from the outset." **Chambers & Partners, Crime 2026**

- *"Attention to detail is second to none and her knowledge of the law. Really impressive advocate."* **Legal 500, Leading Junior 2026**
- *"She makes herself available for clients all the time and is very organised. She has a really pleasant manner with clients and is very experienced."*

  "Julia is great with clients and you know you will get a great service every time."

  "She is very adept and produces excellent written work. She is thorough in trial and knows the case inside and out." **Chambers and Partners 2025 - Crime, Leading Juniors**
- *'Julia is a star counsel who is inevitably destined to be silk before too long if she so chooses. She is very clever legally and tactically as well as incredibly approachable. Julia is hugely respected by her peers, with silks actively asking to work with her.'* **Legal 500 - Crime, Leading Juniors 2025**

Practice profile:

Julia is a highly experienced and sought-after criminal barrister who is instructed almost exclusively on a private basis in serious and complex criminal cases. Recognised as a leading London junior, she specialises in defending allegations of sexual offences, serious violence and financial crime.

Julia has built a formidable reputation for her work in rape and serious sexual offence cases, regularly representing individuals facing the most sensitive and challenging allegations. Her practice encompasses the full spectrum of sexual offences, including historic allegations, cases involving vulnerable witnesses, and matters featuring complex evidential and legal issues. She is valued for her meticulous preparation, strategic approach and exceptional advocacy in high-stakes proceedings.

Frequently instructed as both leading and junior counsel, Julia appears in the most serious and complex criminal trials across the country. She has successfully defended clients accused of multi-handed violence, serious sexual offences, large-scale

consent rape. Acquitted.

- R v S. Client accused masterminding large scale drugs conspiracy. Guilty plea.
- R v B. Solicitor accused conditional consent ‘date rape’. Acquitted.
- WCC v WFW Ltd. Represented company for mitigation and sentence in respect of serious breaches Food Safety and Hygiene Regulations.
- R v B and 2 others. Financier client accused of participation in group rape.
- R v J and Others. Accountant accused of being part of conspiracy to defraud HMRC of £98 million.
- LBWF v TP. Representing national company for mitigation and sentence in respect of serious breaches Food Safety and Hygiene Regulations in respect of catering for children.
- R v W. Police officer accused of multiple rapes against partner.
- R v G. Former rugby player accused rape of 4 women.
- R v L. Businessman accused leading role in large scale importation fraud and money laundering.
- R v P. Advising well known national DJ in respect of ongoing appeal.

fraud and organised criminality. Her experience extends to appellate work, having appeared successfully before both the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court.

Alongside her extensive criminal practice, Julia has particular expertise in financial crime. She has acted in some of the most significant and document-heavy fraud investigations and prosecutions of recent years, often involving multiple defendants, intricate financial evidence and substantial disclosure exercises.

Julia also represents medical and other professionals in regulatory and disciplinary proceedings. She is highly experienced in advising on reputational issues and in managing media-sensitive cases, including matters attracting significant national press attention and applications relating to pre-trial publicity.

Known for her incisive advocacy, client-focused approach and outstanding results, Julia is regularly instructed by professional clients and private individuals seeking the highest standard of representation in serious criminal allegations, particularly sexual offence cases.

Sexual offences:

Julia is an expert in the field of sexual offences and has successfully represented many professionals accused of such offences. She deals with a range of offences, from gang rape, kidnap and torture to familial sexual offences against children. She is innovative in her approach, having, for example, successfully run the defence of sexsomnia and is meticulous in her preparation of each case. She is well versed in the use of the S28 provisions, successfully defending her clients notwithstanding the court-imposed restrictions on cross-examination and the use of pre-recorded video testimony.

Drug offences and organised crime:

Over the past 30 years, Julia has developed a huge amount of expertise in representing defendants accused of the most serious offences, ranging from large scale conspiracies to import Class A drugs to offences of murder and manslaughter. She has an expertise in managing high volumes of evidence and data and dealing with complex issues of disclosure.