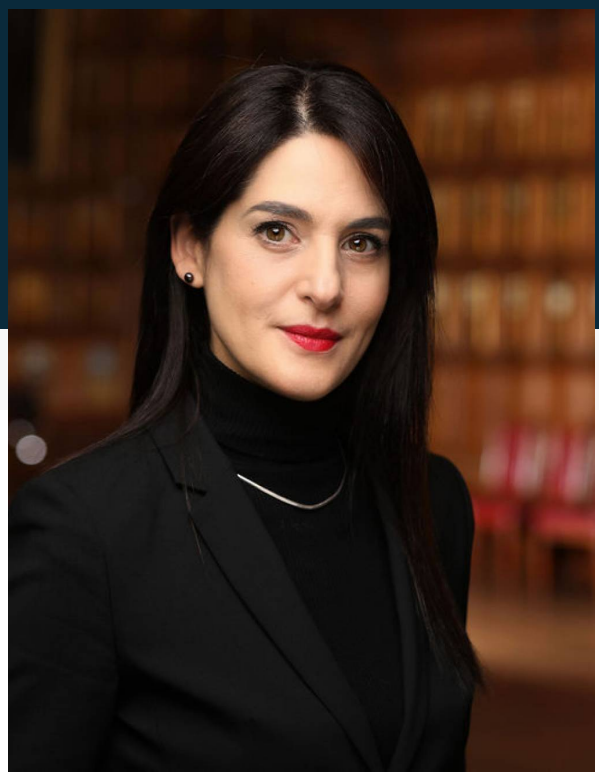
Leila Gaskin.

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What others say:

- *'Leila just commands a room. She doesn't shout or make a fuss; she has a real presence and backs that up with elegant advocacy.'*
  'Her manner, words and delivery in court are mesmerising.'
  'Leila is sensible, pragmatic and judges really love her because she is so organised and well prepared.'
  'Leila is one of the most prepared juniors I have ever known. She is always on top of her cases and her written work is exemplary.' **Chambers & Partners 2027 - Crime - Leading Junior (Band 1)**

- *"Leila is a very competent and hardworking barrister. She prepares cases very thoroughly and is excellent at drafting legal arguments. She expertly handles difficult witnesses. Her advocacy style is clear and robust without losing the human touch."* **Legal 500, Crime 2027**

- *"Leila is one of the best-prepared advocates working today. She now specializes in high paper volume cases, and there is never a page of it she does not know intimately. Her cross-examination is laser-focused and devastating. Her speeches are detailed and beautifully constructed. She is relentless."* **Legal 500, 2027**

Present and recent instructions:

- **R v K** Instructed as leading counsel in a £3 million fraud involving allegations of abuse of position and perverting the course of justice. A voluminous and complicated case due to be tried in 2025.
- **R v AR** Instructed as counsel for the first defendant in a complicated £1.2 million boiler room fraud.
- **R v C** Instructed in a case involving a large fraud perpetrated within the MOD. In addition the allegations include a number of money laundering offences. The case involves many defendants, some with senior positions. This is due to be tried in 2024.
- **R v B** Instructed to represent an

- Fraud and white collar crime

- *'Leila is thoroughly impressive, pragmatic and judges really love her because she is so organised and well prepared.'*

  'She is so on top of all the detail and the written arguments - she is excellent in court as well.' **Chambers & Partners 2027 - Financial Crime - Leading Junior (Band 1)**
- *'She has always been very impressive. She is a smooth and persuasive advocate.'* **Chambers & Partners 2026 - Financial Crime - Leading Junior (Band 1)**
- *'Leila is brilliant with clients, particularly those who are nervous, difficult or vulnerable.'* **Chambers & Partners 2026 - Financial Crime - Leading Junior (Band 1)**
- *'Leila has always been superb when identifying issues and working with you as a team.'* **Chambers & Partners 2026 - Financial Crime - Leading Junior (Band 1)**
- *'She is calm, methodical, has absolute attention to detail and will never miss a thing. She is likeable and friendly to a jury.'* **Chambers & Partners 2026 - Financial Crime - Leading Junior (Band 1)**
- *'She is a very classy advocate who never wastes a word.'* **Chambers & Partners 2026 - Financial Crime - Leading Junior (Band 1)**
- *'She is just incredible and works so hard.'* **Chambers & Partners 2026 - Financial Crime - Leading Junior (Band 1)**
- Leila has been shortlisted as Chambers & Partners 2026 Junior of the year
- *'Leila is a highly confident and compassionate barrister, who is known for her exceptional client care.'* **Legal 500, 2026 (Fraud) Leading Junior**
- *'Leila is very intelligent, incredibly hardworking and focused. She has a sharp eye for detail. Her oral advocacy is impressive, well-structured and clear.'* **Legal 500, 2026 (Crime) Leading Junior**
- *'Leila is very intelligent, can handle the big-ticket work and is not scared of voluminous cases. She's a fierce advocate and fills everyone with confidence.'* ***Chambers & Partners 2025 (Financial Crime) Leading Junior***
- *'Leila's advocacy is extremely elegant and she doesn't waste a word; she picks good points and makes them brilliantly. She is a fabulous*

employee of a company involved in allegations of tax fraud on a very large scale.

- **R v G** Instructed to represent a man charged with defrauding the CITB through a variety of methods.
- **R v M** Instructed to represent a man charged with one-punch manslaughter.
- **R v H** Instructed in a case of attempt murder involving complicated issues concerning the defendant's mental health.

Professional memberships:

- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Public Access Bar Association

lawyer and advocate.' ***Chambers & Partners 2025 (Financial Crime) Leading Junior***

- *'Leila is amazingly bright and hard-working. She looks after her clients beautifully and has excellent advocacy.'* **Chambers & Partners 2025 (Financial Crime) Leading Junior**
- *'Leila is very clever, thorough and has a fabulous set of people skills which puts the client at ease. She is a good advocate and her drafting is second to none.'* **Chambers & Partners 2025 - (Financial Crime) Leading Junior**
- *'Leila provides robust advice and is not afraid of voluminous evidence. She identifies key issues at an early stage. She is a passionate advocate who is incredibly confident and brave, and displays a calm manner that is well liked by the judiciary.'* **Legal 500, 2025 - (Fraud) Leading Junior**
- *'Leila Gaskin is the perfect brief and stands out as an advocate in multi-handed trials. Her advocacy is elegant and she does not waste a single word. She has a brilliant handle on the facts and the law, excellent judgement and is thoroughly professional in and out of court. She will walk in to silk seamlessly.'* **Legal 500 2025 - Crime Leading Junior**
- *'Leila is an exceptional advocate who is a joy to listen to and a pleasure to work with. She never loses focus and brings formidable intelligence and insight to every case.'* **Chambers & Partners 2023 (Financial Crime Leading Junior)**
- Leading Junior – Crime and Fraud - **Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners 2016 to 2026**.
- *'Leila is a hugely impressive advocate. She combines a sharp analytical mind with a balanced approach. Her case preparation is exemplary - she is thorough and utterly devoted to the case she is instructed in.'* **Legal 500, 2022 - Crime Leading Junior**
- Junior of the Year (Crime) – **Legal 500, 2020**
- *'A charming practitioner unafraid to stand up for what is right.'* **Legal 500, 2020 - Crime Leading Junior**

Practice profile:

Leila Gaskin is a leading barrister in her field. She appears as both leader and junior in the most serious

and complex criminal cases.

She specialises in, and is recognised for, her work both in crime and fraud and was awarded junior barrister of the year by the Legal 500 directory in 2020.

She conducts complex and lengthy cases on behalf of solicitors, managing cases from the outset and on through the various stages of court proceedings and often through to the Court of Appeal.

She is known for her hard work, meticulous approach and dedication to each and every case.

Homicide:

Leila has many years of experience in this field. Homicide cases invariably require two separate approaches: on the one hand there must be a meticulous analysis of the evidence, and on the other a sensitive touch in dealing with witnesses and defendants. Leila's success in this field is attributed not only to these aspects of her approach, but also to the care and commitment she gives each case.

Drug offences and organised crime:

For the last twenty years Leila has been instructed in large scale drug importations and conspiracies. She has been involved in cases investigated by the then NCS, SOCA and these days, NCA. She has a huge amount of experience in representing parties involved in these cases and has developed an expertise relating to issues of disclosure. The evidence in cases of this kind is often multifaceted. The case is often made up of evidence from surveillance, telecommunications, covert recordings and the like. The preparation of these cases therefore requires a measured, studied approach and an understanding of the wider picture. Given her experience in cases involving large volumes of material and data, and her experience in cases involving complicated areas of disclosure, Leila is well placed to conduct cases of this kind and is frequently instructed to do so.

Modern slavery and human trafficking:

With the recent consolidation and expansion of legislation relating to human slavery and trafficking, investigations and prosecutions for these matters are on the rise. These cases are often complex both evidentially and practically. Witnesses are often reluctant and vulnerable and defendants are often keen to be understood. Leila brings a rational and measured approach to cases of this kind, focusing both on the evidence as presented and on the individuals concerned in the case.

Cybercrime:

Cybercrime covers a wide array of criminal activity that takes place via digital means. It can range from the use of the internet to commit fraud to phishing scams; identity theft to online bullying and so on. Given her expertise in fraud and financial crime as well as her experience in serious and organised crime, Leila is very well place to deal with cases of this kind. She has the forensic acumen required to analyse and present the evidence in simple form and also the human touch required to help the parties direct and conduct the case through the various stages of the proceedings.

Financial crime:

Over the last twenty years Leila has prosecuted and defended fraud cases of considerable length and complexity. Instructed by the Serious Fraud Division of the CPS on behalf of the MHRA, NHS, HMRC and other authorities she is known for her meticulous preparation and attention to detail. In addition, she has represented clients across the range of fraudulent offences and is known for her calm reassuring manner and tenacious approach in court.

Notable financial crime cases:

R v Al Rawe (2022)

Junior counsel. Large boiler room fraud. Three month trial. Appeal against conviction pending.

R v Ermis (2022)

Suspended sentence for money laundering as part of a rental diversion fraud.

R v Wallace (2022)

Leading counsel. Fraud and money laundering (£3 million). Defendant acquitted of fraud after trial. Links to press: https://international-adviser.com/husband-and-wife-duo-found-guilty-of-2-7m-investment-scam/

https://www.professionaladviser.com/news/4061838/cold-investment-scam-173-elderly-victims-lose-gbp-7m

R v Groves (2022)

Boiler room fraud. Link to press: https://www.thesun.co.uk/sport/8859632/gary-cahill-conned-crooked-investor/

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6920535/Financial-advisor-conned-Chelsea-star-1m-jailed-eight-years.html

R v MZP [2020]

Fraudulent trading in the pharmaceutical industry. SFD & MHRA. Southwark Crown Court.

R v Patel [2020]

Cheating the public revenue (£2.5 million). SFD & HMRC. Southwark Crown Court.

R v E & others [2020]

Fraud and money laundering. Southwark Crown Court.

R v M & others [2020]

Large scale insurance fraud. Inner London Crown Court.