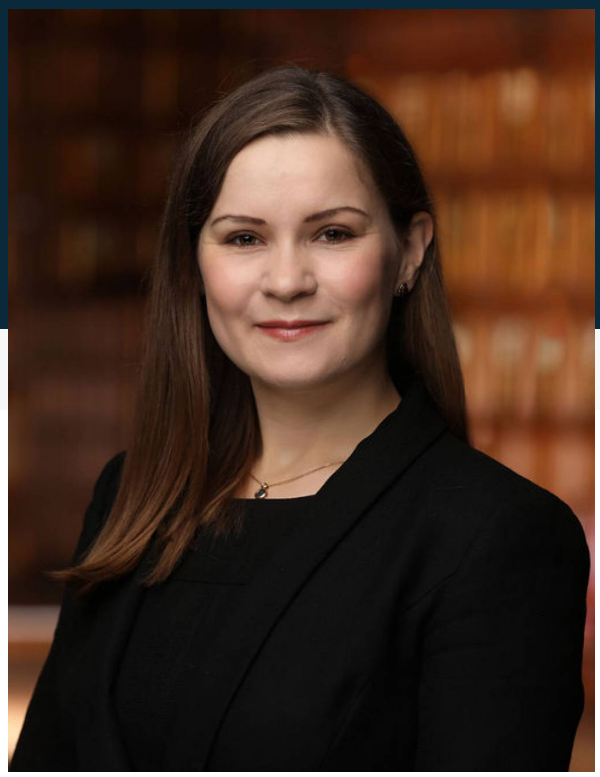
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What others say:

- *"Libby Anderson has first-class attention to detail and a fine legal mind. To work with her is to be reassured that neither evidential subtleties nor legal points will be missed. She is trusted with work of considerable gravity and complexity and is seen as a safe and trusted pair of hands by solicitors."* **Legal 500, 2027 - Crime**
- *"Libby is extremely thorough, knowledgeable, and highly professional in her approach. She has a strong command of the regulatory framework and demonstrates excellent attention to detail in both preparation and case strategy. One of Libby's key strengths is her ability to explain complex legal issues to clients with confidence, clarity, and transparency. Libby is calm, measured, and persuasive. She presents arguments clearly and effectively, and is particularly strong in dealing with detailed factual and regulatory issues. Her preparation is consistently thorough, which is reflected in the quality of her advocacy and overall case handling."* **Legal 500, 2027 - Professional disciplinary and regulatory law**
- *"Libby is exceptionally calm and effective in stressful situations. She is highly responsive to requests, and her drafting is detailed and*

Present and recent instructions:

R v K - Representing a youth defendant in the Crown Court for allegations of conspiracy to rob and conspiracy to steal, relating to the theft of iPhones from multiple Apple stores.

R v B - Prosecuting a Bounceback loan fraud against the director of a taxi company.

R v W - Representing a defendant charged with human trafficking and controlling prostitution offences.

HSE v F - Prosecuting a farmer for health and safety offences in a cattle trampling case resulting in injury to a member of the public.

R v K - Led junior for the defendant in a private prosecution alleging fraud by abuse of position and fraud by false representation.

R v D - Representing the second defendant in

thorough."

"Libby has a natural way of putting clients at ease and has a great eye for detail."

"Libby handles legally complex cases involving vulnerable clients with impressive skill."

"She approaches every case with meticulous attention to detail, ensuring she is exceptionally well prepared. Clients hold her in the highest regard, valuing her empathy and her astute tactical judgement."

"Libby is methodical and pragmatic in both her approach to cases and the advice she provides. She is empathetic with clients, quickly putting them at ease, and her advocacy is clear, measured and highly persuasive, consistently resonating with panels." **Chambers & Partners 2027 - Professional Discipline**

- *"Libby Anderson's combination of professionalism, attentiveness and clear communication makes her a standout in her field."* **Chambers & Partners 2026 - Professional Discipline, Up and Coming**
- *"Attention to detail is second to none and her knowledge of the law. Really impressive advocate."* **Legal 500, 2026 - Leading Junior**
- *"I have had sight of her written work. It is absolutely exceptional; she is very sharp."*

  "Libby is very confident with clients. She goes about her work quietly and gets some great results." **Chambers and Partners 2025, Professional Discipline, Rising Star**
- 'Libby is an extremely well-rounded lawyer. She is hard-working, tenacious, and has great ethic for achieving the best for clients. She is a very persuasive court advocate, and extremely well respected by judges.' **Legal 500 - Crime, Leading Juniors 2025**
- *'A highly skilled advocate, Libby is meticulous, thorough and committed to obtaining the best result. She is charming and has a fabulous manner.'* **Legal 500 - Professional Disciplinary and Regulatory Law, Leading Juniors 2025**
- *'Libby has a fabulous manner with clients and is a highly skilled advocate'* - **Legal 500, 2024, Rising Star Tier 1**

a private prosecution alleging fraud by abuse of position relating to the sharing/copying of web content.

R v C - Leading junior for the second defendant in an Encrochat conspiracy to supply 100kg of cocaine.

R v K - Led junior in a case of conspiracy to kidnap and blackmail orchestrated from within a prison.

R v B - Secured a suspended sentence for a young man of previous good character in an Encrochat conspiracy to supply Class A and B drugs.

R v M - Led junior in a conspiracy to sell/transfer prohibited weapons, namely converted handguns, and ammunition.

R v C - Defended a company director being prosecuted by the Insolvency Service for acquiring criminal property; the prosecution was persuaded to offer no evidence.

R v W - Representing the defendant accused of rape and non-consensual BDSM.

R **v S** - Representing a defendant accused of attempting to rape a date in his car.

R v B - Defended in an allegation of rape and grievous bodily harm. This case involves an adult complainant with a number of psychiatric/addiction issues.

Inquest touching upon the death of DG - Represented a prison officer in an article 2 inquest arising from the sudden death of an inmate who had just been discharged from hospital, where a Code Blue was not called.

Inquest touching upon the death of OD - Represented two midwives following the death of a baby from complications arising from maternal hyponatremia in the context of a home birth.

SWE v B - Represented a social worker in fitness to practise proceedings involving allegations of failure to safeguard a baby said to have been thrown across the room. The misconduct was admitted but no impairment was found and no further action was taken.

SWE v S - Represented a social worker in fitness to practise proceedings involving

Practice profile:

In her regulatory practice, Libby represents registrants accused of professional misconduct before regulators including the NMC, HCPC, SWE, GDC and BACP, including cases of poor practice, dishonesty, sexual misconduct, and post-conviction matters. Libby also acts in registration/licensing appeals in Ofsted, CQC and Local Authority cases. Libby represents the interests of prison officers and healthcare professionals at inquests, particularly Article 2 inquests. She is often instructed to advise on DBS appeals at every stage from Minded to Bar through to application for permission and final hearing.

Libby has a busy Crown Court practice prosecuting and defending all areas of general and serious crime. She has recently acted in several cases involving gang violence, firearms, and drug conspiracies, involving evidence of drill music as evidence of gang affiliation, and expert evidence relating to cell site, drugs, and firearms. She has experience of cases involving vulnerable clients and witnesses, including cases where fitness to plead is an issue. Libby has spent time seconded to the CPS as Senior Crown Prosecutor, and frequently provides pre-charge advice to the CPS on complex frauds, organised crime, and serious violent crime.

Libby has particular experience of fraud, financial crime, and POCA proceedings. She has completed secondments at both the SFO and the FCA, gaining an understanding of the investigation and prosecution of large-scale frauds and money laundering enterprises. She regularly acts in cases of fraud and money laundering as led junior and junior alone.

allegations of child abuse and improper professional boundaries.

A v DBS - Representing the Applicant at permission stage in a case involving allegations of abuse towards elderly patients.

L v DBS - Representing the Applicant, a nurse, at permission stage in a case involving repeated errors in medication administration.

Qualifications:

- Pupil supervisor
- Keble Advanced International Advocacy Course, South Eastern Circuit
- Direct Access qualified
- Vulnerable witness training completed
- ADR Group Accredited Civil & Commercial Mediator
- LLM Professional Legal Practice, BPP University Law School
- Bar Professional Training Course, BPP University Law School
- Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Sheffield
- MA Medieval Studies, University of York
- BA (Hons) English and Philosophy, University of Bristol

Scholarships and awards:

- Citywealth Future Leaders Award – Barrister of the Year Silver Award (2024)
- Inns of Court Advanced Advocacy Training Award (2022)
- Women in Law Awards, Rising Star Barrister/Advocate of the Year finalist (2020)
- Pegasus Scholar to Crown Law Office, Wellington, New Zealand (2019)
- Criminal Bar Association Bursary for Excellence in Advocacy (2019)
- Ann Goddard Pupillage Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2017)
- BPP University Law School Outstanding Performance Award (2016)
- Bar Council Law Reform Essay

Competition – Highly Commended (2016)
- Birkenhead Award BPTC Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2015)
- Ann Ebsworth CPE/GDL Award, Gray's Inn (2013)

Appointments:

- CPS General Crime Panel, Level 3
- CPS Proceeds of Crime, Fraud, and Serious Crime Specialist Panels, Level 2
- Health and Safety Executive, B Panel Counsel
- Serious Fraud Office, C Panel Counsel – prosecution and proceeds of crime and international assistance panels

Affiliations:

- Criminal Bar Association
- Young Fraud Lawyer's Association
- Women in Criminal Law
- South Eastern Circuit
- The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Serious crime:

Libby has a busy Crown Court practice both prosecuting and defending in cases of serious violence, drugs, driving offences, conspiracies, and offensive weapons, as led junior and junior alone. Libby has been appointed to the CPS Specialist Panel for Serious Crime and the HSE B Panel. She has recently been involved in several cases involving gang violence, firearms, and drug conspiracies, involving evidence of drill music as evidence of gang affiliation, and expert evidence relating to cell site, drugs, and firearms. Libby has been instructed as disclosure counsel in a number of historic cases including the Kenyan Emergency Group Litigation and the Cyprus Colonial Litigation, both of which alleged serious criminal behaviour by British forces, and claims arising from historic abuse by prison officers at borstals in the Northeast of England (Op Seabrook). She has attended advocacy training at the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague and the SEC Advanced International Advocacy Course at Keble College, Oxford.

Notable serious crime cases:

Drug offences and organised crime

- **R v M (2025)** Represented a defendant accused of participating in a conspiracy to commit high-value burglaries targeting Asian gold jewellery across the south-east.
- **R v K (2025)** Led junior for the second defendant in a case of conspiracy to kidnap, falsely imprison and blackmail orchestrated from within a prison setting. Issues of voice recognition and interpretation of mobile phone evidence.
- **R v C (2024)** Leading junior for the second defendant in an Encrochat conspiracy to supply 100kg of cocaine. Issues relating to admissibility of fingerprint identification obtained from comparing Encrochat photographs to custody prints.
- **R v B (2024)** Secured a suspended sentence for a young man of previous good character in an Encrochat conspiracy to supply Class A and B drugs.
- **R v M (2024**) Led junior in a conspiracy to sell/transfer prohibited weapons, namely converted handguns, and ammunition.
- **R v Z (2023)** Led junior in the prosecution resulting from Op Tabernacler, an investigation into the largest ever inland seizure of cocaine in the UK.
- **R v N (2022**) As led junior, prosecuted the retrial of a chemsex drugs supply conspiracy. The case involved extensive expert and cell site evidence. The defendant was convicted.
- **R v W (2020)** Represented a 22 year old man of good character for plea and sentence for PWITS Class A. Negotiated an accepted basis of plea on the basis of social supply at a festival, and persuaded the court to impose a suspended sentence.

Modern slavery and human trafficking

- **R v K (2025)** Representing a youth defendant in the Crown Court for allegations of conspiracy to rob and conspiracy to steal, relating to the theft of iPhones from multiple Apple stores. The defendant was vulnerable and had an outstanding NRM referral.
- **R v W (2025)** Representing a defendant charged with human trafficking and controlling prostitution offences.
- **R v S & others (2020)** Represented a youth sent to the Crown Court alongside adult co-defendants. The youth was particularly vulnerable having been diagnosed with ADHD, and had a positive NRM conclusive grounds decision that found evidence of enforced criminality. Successfully applied to vacate guilty pleas to conspiracy to supply Class A drugs.
- **R v S (2020)** Represented a defendant charged with PWITS and cultivation of cannabis under threat of physical and sexual violence to herself and her daughter.

Serious violent and sexual crime

- **R v W (2025)** Representing the defendant accused of rape and non-consensual BDSM.
- **R v S (2025)** Representing a defendant accused of attempting to rape a date in his car.
- **R v C (2024)** Represented the defendant in an allegation of vaginal rape involving issues of fabrication and drunken consent.
- **R v B (2024)** Defended in an allegation of rape and grievous bodily harm. This case involved an adult complainant with a number of psychiatric/addiction issues.
- **R v S (2024)** Defended in an alleged sexual assault on a teenage girl by an elderly male in the street. The defendant was known to suffer from dementia and, by date of trial, was unfit to plead having previously been found fit.
- **R v M (2024)** Persuaded the Crown to accept pleas of voyeurism and threats to kill in a case involving allegations of marital rape and coercive and controlling behaviour.
- **R v F (2023)** Represented a 43 year old man of good character facing allegations of serious sexual assault in the workplace. Following a hung jury at the first trial, the defendant was acquitted at the re-trial.

- **R v B (2022)** Represented a defendant facing a life sentence on the basis of dangerousness following a second conviction for s.18 wounding. Persuaded the court that although the defendant was dangerous, a life sentence was not necessary.
- **R v O (2022)** Represented the defendant at the first Crown Court hearing of murder proceedings.
- **R v P (2021)** Represented one of three members of a family charged with affray, having gone to the house of a rival family with whom there was a feud. The defence was that Mr P had only been present to act as peacekeeper. The defendant was acquitted.
- **R v N (2021)** Defended a young man of good character accused of causing grievous bodily harm in the course of a drunken street brawl. Following cross-examination eliciting inconsistencies in witness evidence, the defendant was acquitted after only 17 minutes.
- **R v A (2019)** As led junior, represented an 18 year old defendant accused of possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life in the context of a gang dispute. Involved cell site and electronic tag expert evidence and interpretation of drill music videos.
- **Valiati v DPP [2018] EWHC 2908 (Admin), [2018] WLR(D) 676)** Represented the Appellant in a successful appeal by way of case stated in which the issue was the use to which the Magistrates' Court can put statements made in a PET form.

Financial crime:

As led junior and junior alone, Libby prosecutes and defends in cases of fraud and money laundering at every stage including pre-charge, trial, and ancillary orders including forfeiture and confiscation under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Libby has been appointed to the CPS Specialist Panels for Proceeds of Crime and Fraud. Through secondments at the Financial Conduct Authority and the Serious Fraud Office, Libby has gained an understanding of the investigation and prosecution of large-scale frauds, money laundering enterprises, and insider trading.

Professional discipline:

Libby has represented registrants before the NMC, HCPC, GDC, BACP and SWE in cases involving sexual misconduct, dishonesty, alcohol misuse, referrals from the CQC, allegations of professional failings leading to serious harm, and registration appeals. Libby regularly acts for registered and non-registered professionals in appeals against DBS barring decisions, and has a proven record of persuading the DBS not to bar at the Minded to Bar stage.

Regulatory law:

Libby has been instructed in taxi licensing appeals on both medical and ‘fit and proper person’ grounds and has advised on appealing refusals of the Traffic Commissioner to grant an operator’s licence. Libby also represents landlords in proceedings relating to HMO licences and health and safety matters. She also acts in registration appeals to the CQC and Ofsted when an organisation’s licence has been suspended or revoked. When seconded to the Financial Conduct Authority, Libby was part of a team conducting a complex investigation into directorial negligence and negligent misstatement following the collapse of a government contractor. She also acts for the Civil Aviation Authority, including the first prosecution of an airline for breach of Covid-19 regulations.

Inquests:

Libby represents prison officers, paramedics, midwives, nurses, and other interested parties at inquest, including Article 2 and Regulation 28 cases. Previous instructions have seen her assisting legal teams representing the Ministry of Defence and the National Probation Service at inquest.

Extradition:

Libby has experience defending in extradition cases. Through her role as Pegasus Scholar at the Crown Law Office in Wellington, New Zealand, Libby has advised on all aspects of inter-jurisdiction mutual assistance and extradition, and has worked closely with agencies such as INTERPOL.