Victoria Taylor.

Barrister • Year of call Call: 2024



Victoria has a busy criminal law practice, both prosecuting and defending. She has appeared at all levels, from the Magistrates' Court up to the Court of Appeal. Victoria is regularly instructed in trials ranging from driving matters to sexual offences and serious violence. Victoria has a particular interest in serious crime, and is keen to keep developing her practice in this area.

Victoria is developing a practice in regulatory law, defending clients in proceedings, including those brought by the NMC and SWE. Victoria has appeared in both interim and substantive hearings.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Victoria spent many years working in housing and homelessness law, both in the community and in a number of prisons. This included working in a Young Offender's Institute, where Victoria gained experience of working with young people with mental health issues and other complex needs. Victoria maintains a practice in the Youth Court, as she is committed to ensuring young people are properly represented by experienced counsel.

Past and Recent Instructions

- **NMC vs JV** Instructed to represent a nurse accused of sexual misconduct against a colleague.
- **R v GT** Secured the minimum sentence for possession of a firearm where it was used in the context of Class A drug dealing.
- **R v KM** Successfully defended a defendant in a case of multiple domestic abuse allegations, including intentional strangulation.
- **R v EM** Secured the conviction of a man who exposed himself to a woman in her 60s.
- **Appeal of MV** Appeared in the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, with permission granted by the Single Judge.
- **R v A** Instructed to represent a prison

officer who was acquitted of assaulting a prisoner in his care.

- **R vSC** Prosecuted a defendant accused of causing serious injury by dangerous driving, in a case reported in the media.

Qualifications

- 2023 Bar Practice Course, University of Law – Very Competent
- 2020 LLM Human Rights and Criminal Justice, Queen's University Belfast
- 2018 LLB Law with Politics, Queen's University Belfast

Scholarships and Prizes

- Marshall Hall Trust Award – 2024
- Inner Temple Exhibition Scholarship – 2022
- Inner Temple Duke of Edinburgh Award – 2022
- Runner-Up, Oxford University Press & ICCA National Mooting Competition - 2018

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- CPS Grade 1
- Criminal Bar Association
- Women in Criminal Law