

GRACE FLYNN

CALL: 2015

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Grace is a specialist criminal barrister. She joined Guildhall as a tenant in September 2017 and has since developed a busy predominantly Crown Court practice, both defending and prosecuting a wide range of offences.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Crime
 - Court of Protection
 - Environment
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CRIME

Grace is a CPS Grade 2 Panel advocate. She also has a magistrates' court defence practice which encompasses appeals to the Crown Court. This includes successful exceptional hardship and other driving related applications. Grace has also represented clients in cases such as domestic violence, public order and dangerous dog matters.

Prior to pupillage, Grace worked at the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC), the statutory body responsible for investigating alleged miscarriages of justice in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. As part of her practice, she continues to work on individual projects for the CCRC and has a particular interest in this field.

Grace has an undergraduate degree in French. She has also worked in the Press Office of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

Grace has been instructed in trials including:

- Dangerous driving
- Child cruelty
- Violence
- Robbery
- Offensive weapons
- Drugs
- POCA proceedings

Recent work includes:

Prosecution

R v G (2019)

Prosecution of a robbery involving disputed identification evidence. Convicted.

R v L & K (2018)

Two-handed prosecution of a series of dwelling burglaries and related vehicle offences. Defendants convicted of all counts at trial.

R v R (2018)

Prosecution of a dangerous driving trial involving DNA transference. Defendant convicted.

Defence**R v P (2019)**

Represented defendant who was acquitted of ABH despite having been positively identified by the complainant. Issues included argument about possible social media contamination of the identification.

R v F (2019)

Defence of man facing allegations of child cruelty to an infant. Sentenced on his basis of neglect rather than assault following analysis of medical evidence.

R v H (2018)

Defence of a woman charged with permitting another to use her premises to grow cannabis. Applied to exclude her police interview. Ultimately, the Crown offered no evidence.

R v C (2018)

Defence of a man charged with possession of a bladed article and threats to kill. Reliance on an authority on whether the communal corridor of a block of flats was a public place led to the Crown offering no evidence.

R v H (2018)

Defence of the appellant in an appeal against Magistrates' Court conviction for assault of a child complainant. Preparation of questions in advance was required. Appeal allowed.

COURT OF PROTECTION

Expanding her areas of knowledge, Grace is developing a practice in Court of Protection work. She is a member of CoPPA, has attended chambers' internal training and is working closely with members of the team to build her legal and practical experience.

ENVIRONMENT

Grace is a new junior member of the team who is gaining experience in house through senior members involving a cross-section of Environmental prosecution and defence work.

APPOINTMENTS:

- CPS Grade 2 panel advocate

EDUCATION:

- Kalisher Trust Internship Award
- Inner Temple Major Scholarship
- BPTC, University of Law (Birmingham)
- Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Law (Birmingham)
- French (First Class), Hertford College, University of Oxford

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