

Julia Faure Walker

"Julia is an absolutely meticulous and thorough barrister who is particularly strong at considering a case from every angle and spotting the hidden pitfalls. She is an extremely fair prosecutor who will take every point that can properly be taken. She works with unfailing courtesy and grace and is an undoubted star of the future."

Legal 500 UK 2024



Year of Call: 2004

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Julia is ranked by Chambers UK and The Legal 500 (Tier 1) as a Leading Junior in Crime. She was shortlisted as Crime and Extradition Junior of the Year in the Legal 500 UK Bar Awards 2023.

In May 2020, she was appointed Junior Treasury Counsel by the Attorney General. Recent instructions include terrorism, murder, human trafficking, cryptocurrency fraud and bribery. See [Public Prosecution](#) section for further details.

She is on the "A-List" of specialist regulatory advocates in health & safety and environmental law. She has advised in relation to and appeared in proceedings against companies in fatal accident cases, for example fatalities at a waste management site and within a railway depot.

In 2015, she was appointed to the counsel team of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse. She was junior counsel to the Children in Custodial Institutions and Children Outside the UK Investigations.

She has represented various interested persons in coronial proceedings, including health professionals, a regulatory body and the family of the deceased.

Julia accepts [Direct Access](#) instructions.

What Others say:

"She's very bright, extremely hard working and quick-witted. She thinks outside the box." – Chambers UK 2024

"She has the case law at her fingertips and her cross-examinations are thorough." – Chambers UK2024

"Very hard-working and pleasingly straightforward in her approach." and "She does a fantastic job especially when handling difficult sex cases." – Chambers UK 2023

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“Julia deals with legal arguments, witness testimony and other aspects of court advocacy to the highest standard.” – Legal 500 UK 2023

“She can spot a defence weakness from afar and comes fully prepared and ready to negotiate.” and “She is incredibly organised, efficient, analytical and hard-working.” – Chambers UK 2022

“Julia is a force to be reckoned with. She assuredly steers the courts away from error, and is excellent on the law orally and in writing.” – Legal 500 UK 2022

“Leaves no stone unturned and is an excellent and calm practitioner.” – Chambers UK 2021

“A star who has rightly just been appointed junior treasury counsel. Her eye for detail and sheer work ethic make her ideal for large scale fraud cases with bundles of evidence.” – Legal 500 2021

“She has the ability to master complex facts from which she identifies the salient issues with convincing accuracy.” – Legal 500 2020

“She is equally able across a range of disciplines.” – Legal 500 2017

“A very clever and conscientious barrister, she is extremely hardworking and has a very good knowledge of the law.” – Legal 500 2017

Business Crime & Financial Services

Julia has advised individuals and corporate bodies. She has experience of long and complex criminal investigations by the Serious Fraud Office and NCA, and of prosecutions brought by the CPS Fraud Division. Instructions include alleged telecommunications fraud, international money laundering and Ponzi fraud, and more recently, complex cryptocurrency fraud. She has appeared in restraint, confiscation and civil recovery proceedings. She has particular experience of cross-border investigations, and has advised in relation to extradition proceedings involving various types of alleged fraud, including Libor manipulation, as well as corruption.

In May 2020 Julia was appointed Junior Treasury Counsel by the Attorney General.

Notable Cases:

Operation Jigsaw (R v L and others)

Sole junior in highly complicated £5 million cryptocurrency fraud on over 17,000 wallets at Blockchain, transactions having been identified from cluster analysis of transactions, tracing of funds and other complex means.

Re X Ltd

Providing advice over 2 years as to an alleged international Ponzi fraud being investigated by the SFO.

Operation Callahan (R v DM & Others)

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Successfully defended the former director of a telecommunications company, accused of a conspiracy to defraud Mobile Network Operators and alleged use of a Commercial Multi-User Gateway ('COMUG') in contravention of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006, the first prosecution of its kind.

R v W

Money laundering by manager of money services businesses, prosecuted for offences contrary to s. 330 POCA.

United Arab Emirates v A [2012] W.L.R. 2419

Successfully represented, at first instance and at the Requesting State's appeal to the High Court, a woman whose extradition had been sought by the United Arab Emirates. The case turned on the ambit of the offence of fraud by false representation.

Criminal Defence

Julia has advised and represented individuals and corporate bodies facing allegations of serious crime. Many former clients have been professionals, in a position of trust or holders of public office.

In the field of financial crime, she has defended those accused of high value complex fraud, money laundering and regulatory breaches, as well as in civil recovery proceedings under Part V of POCA. Examples include a charity worker accused of playing a part in widespread malpractice within the charity's finance team; carers accused of stealing large sums from vulnerable people within their care; an alleged organised crime boss's wife and sister accused of mortgage fraud and money laundering; a company director accused of defrauding mobile network operators; a bank manager accused of diverting funds for his benefit. She has also advised a charity on its potential liability in respect of hostage ransom payments, and a former trader accused of LIBOR fraud.

She has lectured to solicitors on corporate liability, confiscation and restraint.

Julia has represented people accused of a wide range of sexual offences, from rape to controlling prostitution. Examples include a former school teacher accused of indecently assaulting 10 boys; a volunteer worker accused of raping a boy hundreds of times; a former police officer accused of voyeurism; a man accused of indecently assaulting family members over many years.

She has also appeared in extradition proceedings. Having completed a secondment to the CPS Extradition Unit in 2008, she has since advised and represented defendants in a variety of cases, some of which have been particularly high-profile. For example, she represented a man convicted in his absence of murder in Italy, a case which was raised during Prime Minister's Questions in Parliament; and a CEO accused of fraud in the United Arab Emirates. She has also provided advice in respect of extradition to the USA, the Russian Federation and regions of the former Yugoslavia.

Criminal Regulatory

In June 2019, Julia was appointed to 'List A', the highest level, of the HSE's list of specialist regulatory advocates in health and safety and environmental law.

She has appeared in Crown Court prosecutions for gross negligence manslaughter, corporate manslaughter and where death has resulted from breaches of the Health and Safety at Work Etc Act. She has advised on

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companies' and individuals' regulatory obligations, including under LOLER, PUWER, the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations and Food Safety Regulations. She has advised a national retailer in respect of confiscation proceedings under POCA 2002, following regulatory breaches. She has lectured on the environmental permitting regulations and on corporate liability.

Notable Cases:

Re X

Advice and appearance in coronial proceedings on behalf of regulator following death in a railway depot.

R v Baldwin & Baldwin Skip Hire Ltd

Prosecution of managing director of waste sorting site and of company for offences under the HSWA, following death of worker whose clothing became entangled in unguarded moving parts of a trommel screener. Sole junior at trial at Norwich Crown Court in March 2019.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v. Czernik (Operation Languard)

First UK prosecution for selling counterfeit airbags following an international investigation. Defendant was charged with offences under section 92 of the Trade Marks Act 1994. Julia advised and represented Crown in proceedings from 2017 to 2018.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press

R v. Monavon Construction Ltd and another

Prosecution of a company (for corporate manslaughter) and one of its directors (for a HSWA offence), following the death of two members of the public, who fell into an uncovered light well on a construction site in central London. Prosecution Junior in proceedings at the Central Criminal Court in 2016.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press

HSE v Fluor Ltd and another

Prosecution of the principal contractor in an offshore wind farm project, following the death of an installation foreman, and serious injury to another worker, during the lifting of a turbine blade from port to barge. Defence junior at 4-week trial at Chelmsford Crown Court in July 2015.

Inquests & Public Inquiries

In 2015, Julia was appointed to the counsel team of the [Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse](#), the statutory public inquiry investigating whether public bodies and other non-state institutions have taken seriously their responsibilities to protect children from sexual abuse in England and Wales. She was junior counsel to investigations into children in custodial institutions (report published in February 2019), and the second phase of children outside the UK (report published in January 2020).

In 2023, Julia was appointed as junior counsel to the [Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan](#), chaired by Lord

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Justice Haddon-Cave. This statutory inquiry was announced in Parliament by the Secretary of State for Defence in December 2022.

Julia has represented interested parties, including family members and medical professionals, in coronial proceedings.

Notable Cases:

Inquest Touching upon the death of SH

A registered nurse had been accused of causing the death of a care-home resident by inserting the wrong-sized catheter. She had been the subject of a gross manslaughter investigation by police and faced proceedings before the NMC.

Private Prosecution

Julia has advised the CPS Specialist Fraud Division on taking over a private prosecution in a complex property fraud case, and has advised an individual on launching a private prosecution against his former partner. She has extensive and wide-ranging experience in prosecuting cases in the Crown Court, reflected in her appointment as Treasury Counsel. Having been disclosure counsel in one of SOCA's most complex investigations, she is particularly experienced in dealing with complicated disclosure issues. For details of her public prosecution experience see [here](#). She is a member of the Private Prosecutors' Association.

Professional Discipline

Julia has advised professional people at all stages of the professional disciplinary process, from interim order applications, through fitness to practice hearings, to High Court appeals and judicial review. She has advised regulators on points of law and procedure with wide-ranging effect, including on matters relating to data protection, appeal powers and joinder.

Julia has experience of conducting cases brought by the General Medical Council (GMC), General Dental Council (GDC), Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and the National College of Teaching and Leadership (NCTL).

Notable Cases:

General Medical Council v J

Multiple allegations against former Chairman of the British Medical Association.

Health & Care Professions Council v A

Application under Article 38 HSWPO 2001, in a case against a therapist accused of making sexual advances towards a number of vulnerable patients.

Nursing & Midwifery Council v AM

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A highly experienced nurse was accused of having contributed to a patient's death. No misconduct found at the conclusion of the NMC's case.

Public Prosecution

In May 2020, Julia was appointed Junior Treasury Counsel. She prosecutes serious, complex and high-profile cases. She regularly appears at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey) and Court of Appeal. She is instructed by CPS Homicide, CPS International Justice and Organised Crime Division, CPS Special Crime and Counter-Terrorism Division and CPS Specialist Fraud Division, as well as by the Attorney-General's Office (in relation to possibly unduly lenient sentences), and has previously advised the Serious Fraud Office. In addition to homicide and terrorism work, recent instructions include factually and legally complex allegations of human trafficking, cryptocurrency fraud and bribery. She has substantial experience of difficult disclosure issues and evidence obtained overseas, and in handling vulnerable witnesses and the pre-recorded cross examination procedure under section 28 YJCEA 1999.

Notable Cases:

COURT OF APPEAL CASES:

R v P [2024] EWCA Crim 237

Attorney General's Reference: Sentence of 30 years' imprisonment for multiple serious sexual offences and administering noxious drug with intent.

R v GS [2023] 2 Cr App R (S) 41

Attorney General's Reference: Sentencing in non-recent sexual abuse where low maximum penalties apply; appropriate reduction for advanced age.

R v Miles [2023] EWCA Crim 1026

Attorney General's Reference: Sentencing for conveying prohibited articles into prison

R v X (2022)

Attorney-General's reference: rape by a child.

Patel, Fox [2021] 1 WLR 2997

Attorney General's Reference: whether a judge may take into account release provisions when passing sentence, following change in law in April 2020.

Khan [2021] EWCA Crim 335

Attorney General's reference: Sentencing where victim was disabled man robbed in his home.

Woolner [2020] EWCA Crim 1245

Attorney General's reference: Categorisation of child sex offence for purposes of sentencing.

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D [2019] EWCA Crim 1545

Rectification of procedural errors.

D [2018] EWCA Crim 2982

Attorney General's reference: sentencing where offender provoked by racist slur caused life-changing injury to victim.

Knaggs [2018] EWCA Crim 1863

Appeal against conviction: Highly complex case on foreign intercept, disclosure and appointment of special counsel. Led by Peter Wright QC.

Rolf Harris [2017] EWCA Crim 1849

Appeal against conviction: fresh evidence and cross admissibility.

CROWN COURT CASES:

R v JJ (2023)

Led junior in quadruple murder trial at Central Criminal Court, defendant found guilty on four counts of murder.

Click [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v X & Y (2022-2023)

Led junior in 3-month terrorism trial, defendants accused of preparing Islamic-State inspired bomb and knife attack.

R v S & S (2022)

Led junior in murder trial at Central Criminal Court, attack in a cannabis factory.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v SS (2022)

Led junior at murder trial, 16-year-old boy was stabbed to death in the street.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the press.

R v M & Others (2022)

Led junior in murder trial at Central Criminal Court, drug dealer stabbed victim to death out of jealousy.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press

R v T & G (2022)

Led junior in 3-month human trafficking and forced labour trial.

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Click [here](#) and [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v MH (2021)

Sole junior at trial at Central Criminal Court, for 6 offences of inciting racial hatred and one of collecting terrorist information.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v SR & KR (2021)

Led junior at murder trial at Central Criminal Court.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v IA (2021)

Sole junior in proceedings at Central Criminal Court, for breach of terrorism notification requirements and further terrorism offences under the Terrorism Acts 2000 and 2006.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v KM and 4 others (2021)

Led junior at trial at Central Criminal Court. Defendants were convicted of manslaughter. A car was used as a weapon, and it was argued that “overwhelming supervening act” (see e.g. R v Grant 2021, R v Lanning 2021 & R v Tan 2018) should be left to the jury.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v RG (2021)

Sole junior in Crown Court prosecution for collecting terrorist information.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v I (2021)

Led by Brian O’Neill QC at trial for murder and assisting an offender.

Gang-motivated stabbing in Camden.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v H & A (2021)

Led Junior at trial lasting 2 months, Central Criminal Court Drill rap artist and associate convicted of murder.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v JB (2020)

Led junior at trial, Central Criminal Court.

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Psychiatric patient killed fellow detainee in high security mental health unit.

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R v ZC (2020)

Led junior at trial, Central Criminal Court Gang-motivated murder in Clapham.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v B, L & M (2020)

Led junior at trial, Central Criminal Court.

Fatal stabbing at New Year's Eve Party, one of the accused being a drill rap artist.

Click [here](#) to read about case in the national press.

R v P & others (2019)

Led junior at trial, Southwark Crown Court.

Bribery committed by football agents and Barnsley FC assistant manager, uncovered by Daily Telegraph investigation.

Click [here](#) to read about case in the national press.

R v WS, ER and others (2019)

Led junior at trial, Central Criminal Court Woolwich fire murder linked to drugs feud.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v RB & B Ltd (2019)

Sole prosecution junior at trial of waste management facility manager for offences of gross negligence manslaughter and consenting or conniving in an offence (under Health and Safety at Work Etc Act 1974) at Norwich Crown Court. Instructed by CPS Complex Casework.

R v HM (2018)

Led junior at trial, Birmingham Crown Court

Beheading in a betting shop in Birmingham. Defendant found not guilty of murder by reason of insanity.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v K & 4 others (2018)

Led junior at trial at Central Criminal Court, instructed by CPS homicide

Man stabbed to death outside his home in East London. Defendants convicted of murder and manslaughter.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the press.

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Operation Dearly

Led Prosecution Junior at trial and in Court of Appeal, instructed by CPS HQ's Organised Crime Division.

Conspiracy to import cocaine from Colombia, via mainland Europe, orchestrated from inside prison in the UK. One of SOCA's most complex investigations. Prosecution evidence included foreign intercept, prison PIN calls and prison visit recordings.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press. Click [here](#) for August 2018 Court of Appeal judgment, on the legality and admissibility of foreign intercept and e-mail evidence, and the prosecution's compliance with its duties of disclosure.

Operation Recupera (R v M & 2 others)

Leading junior in 6-week trial, instructed by CPS Complex Casework Unit London.

Romanian organised crime family trafficked women into the UK and controlled prostitutes for 4 years. Joint investigation by British and Romanian police. Defendants were extradited to face trial in England. Evidence relied upon included foreign intercept product, social media communications and the accounts of complainants, one of whom was called via video-link from abroad. On conviction, Sexual Trafficking Prevention Orders under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 were imposed alongside lengthy custodial sentences.

Operation Jussory (R v S & 3 others)

Sole prosecution junior at trial, instructed by CPS HQ's International Justice and Organised Crime Division.

Heathrow baggage handlers conspired with others to import cocaine from Brazil. Featured "Spoofers" phone technology (masking origin and destination of calls) Investigation by National Crime Agency.

R v Rolf Harris

Led Prosecution Junior at 2 trials in 2017 and in appeal against convictions arising from separate proceedings in 2014.

Former artist, singer and children's entertainer was accused of non-recent indecent assaults.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

Operation Crepitus (R v D & 3 others)

Led Prosecution Junior, instructed by CPS Special Casework.

Conspiracy to cause explosions likely to endanger life, at 27 ATM machines across London over 10-month period.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

Operation Lift (R v G & 17 Others)

Led Prosecution Junior at trial, instructed by CPS HQ's Organised Crime Division.

International money laundering of £35 million through 19 shell companies, investigated by the National Crime Agency.

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Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

Operation Dartford (R v T & D)

Sole Prosecution Junior at trial, instructed by CPS Essex RASSO Unit.

Grooming and sexual exploitation of vulnerable teenage girls. Offences included rape and facilitation of child sexual offences. Essex Police's first major child sexual exploitation investigation.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v M

Led Prosecution Junior, instructed by CPS London's Homicide.

The "Hounslow Slasher" targeted lone women at night and slit their throats.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

Operation Ute

Sole Prosecution Junior at trial and in Court of Appeal, instructed by CPS London.

Prosecution of ring-leader in violent disorder outside Israeli Embassy during demonstrations against Israeli government action in Gaza.

Click [here](#) to read about the case in the national press.

R v D & B

Sole prosecution junior at trial, instructed by CPS London.

First successful Crown Court prosecution under section 44 of the Mental Capacity Act 2009. Care home nurse ill-treated an elderly person suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

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Appointments & Memberships

- Panel of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health & Safety and Environmental Law – List A
- Junior Treasury Counsel 2020
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Health & Safety Lawyers' Association
- Private Prosecution Association
- Women in Criminal Law

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